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A Tech student shows he'll do nearly anything on ESPN's reality show.

Sarah Michelle Gellar takes a vacation from vampire slaying—in a haunted house.



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## Budget requests strain SGA funds

*Town hall meeting to address possible Activity Fee increase*

By Michael Handelman  
Staff Writer

Next year's student organization funding from the Student Activity Fee may be in jeopardy, following a large increase in requested high priority funds from the Campus Recreation Center and Student Center.

If the requests are approved, the \$98 per semester fee, which funds student organizations, the CRC and the Student Center, would be insufficient to cover lower priority funding requests from student organizations.

Student government officials responsible for determining the allocation levels of the activity fee are holding a town hall meeting Thursday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m. at the Campanile to present alternative plans to allow continued funding of student organizations.

The CRC and Student Center receive the highest priority from budget requests, classified as Tier 1 by student government policy.

Tier 2 organizations, which include the student publications, WREK, DramaTech and intramurals, receive the second highest funding priority.

Cultural organizations, sports clubs and academic clubs fall in Tier 3 and receive the lowest funding priority.

According to David Andersen, SGA's Joint Finance Committee chair, while organizations in the two highest funding levels will receive their funding, there may not be enough funds left for low priority organizations.

"We don't want to cut Tier 3, but Tier 1 and Tier 2 have to receive a priority... They are the reason why the Student Activity Fee exists," he said.

Student organization officials state that policies to fund these lower funding priority student organizations from the Student Activity Fee have only been in effect for the past decade.

"Because the Student Activity Fee was created to fund Tier 1 and Tier 2 organizations, it wasn't until 5 to 10 years ago when SGA realized there was a surplus of funds from [the fee] that it started funding Tier 3 organizations," Andersen said.

However, they seek to maintain long-term student activity fee funding of student organizations.

"Most other schools do not fund [these organizations]... this is unique to Tech's campus, but, it is something that we feel is important," Andersen said.

The combined requested funding amount for the CRC and Student Center is \$283,680 higher than the

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By Ethan Trehitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**ME, Robot:** Mechanical Engineering sophomores demonstrate the culmination of their hard work at this year's annual ME 2110 robotics competition on the first floor of the MARC building on Tuesday.

## Family housing accepting singles

By Nikhil Joshi  
Contributing Writer

The Department of Housing expects the new Tenth and Home apartments for married students to open as scheduled on Jan. 1, 2005. However, because some units will become available in the middle of the academic term, single graduate applicants could be considered as well as married ones.

Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services Rosalind Meyers said that rentals are going well, considering the present situation. "We are right in the middle of an academic year, and only a few weeks from finals," she said. "Most

students prefer to move over the summer, especially where children are concerned and they may have to change schools."

The apartments will be opened in several different phases, said Dan Morrison, associate director of residence life. Thirty-four two-bedroom apartments will be available Jan. 1, and several more will open up later that month.

One-bedroom units will be rented out beginning Feb. 1, and all remaining units will become available by March. The apartments will be rented on a monthly basis instead of by semester.

Meyers said that all of the spaces for the January and February units

have not been filled.

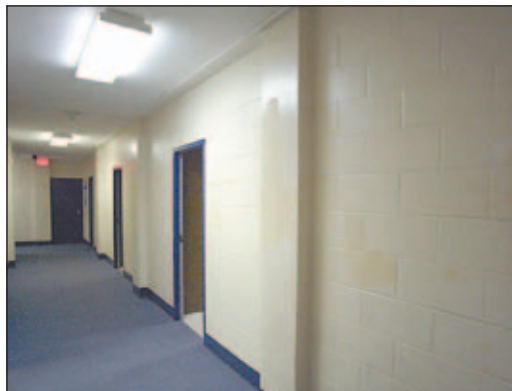
"The challenge is to find a way to fill the apartments as they become available," Morrison said. "Since classes will have already begun, students will be less likely to relocate."

He added that the Department of Housing would have to "be creative in looking at who is eligible to apply." Some opportunities could arise, Morrison said, for students who would not be allowed to live in Tenth and Home otherwise—especially single graduate students.

"We will be considering applications from single graduate students

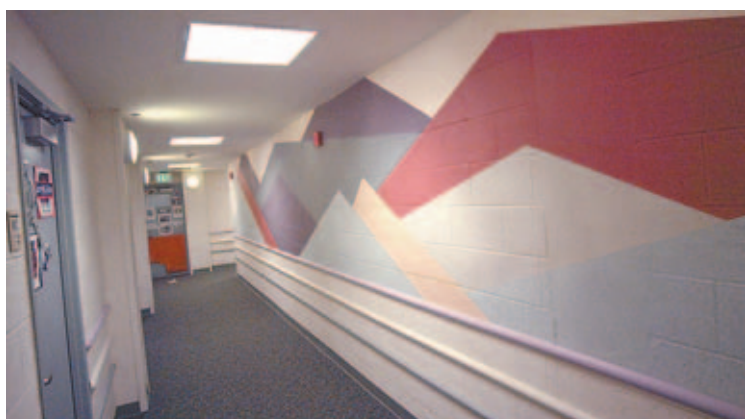
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## Folk renovation forces student relocations



The interior of Folk Hall (left) is due for renovations this spring. Caldwell, pictured below, underwent a similar process in spring 2002. Folk is scheduled to re-open in August 2005.

By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



By Amanda Dugan  
Contributing Writer

Due to upcoming spring renovations to Folk Hall, the Department of Housing is relocating the dorm's residents after final exams. All students living in Folk will have until noon Dec. 12 to be clear of their current rooms.

"The men who were assigned to Folk were the second to last freshmen to apply for housing," said Dan Morrison, associate director of Residence Life.

"We wish we didn't have to disrupt freshmen like this. But we displace them because the upperclassmen wouldn't allow for it. The market makes us cater to the needs of the older students," Morrison said.

An increase in freshmen left

Housing using lounges as flex rooms during the fall, but all Folk residents will be moving to actual dorms.

"The Folk residents are guaranteed rooms," Morrison said. "We are at our highest capacity fall semester. With Co-op students leaving, graduating seniors and non-returning students, there will be rooms."

Folk residents were notified of their dorm closing in a letter before school started. However, they do not know where they will be next semester.

"I wish I knew where we were going to move."

Kenny Baskett  
First-year AE

"I wish I knew where we were going to move," said Kenny Baskett, first-year Aerospace Engineering major. "Between classes and not knowing where or with whom I'm rooming, I'm pretty stressed."

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## Registration for iMovieFest opens

Registration for the annual campus iMovieFest is open Nov. 17-24. Each year for this competition, students form teams that each have one week to produce an original short film.

This year's contest will feature a number of special category films as well as an overall category featuring awards for the top three films.

The week of filming and editing for the competition will be Jan. 11-16. Registration (in teams of 10 students) is online at [www.campusmoviefest.com](http://www.campusmoviefest.com).

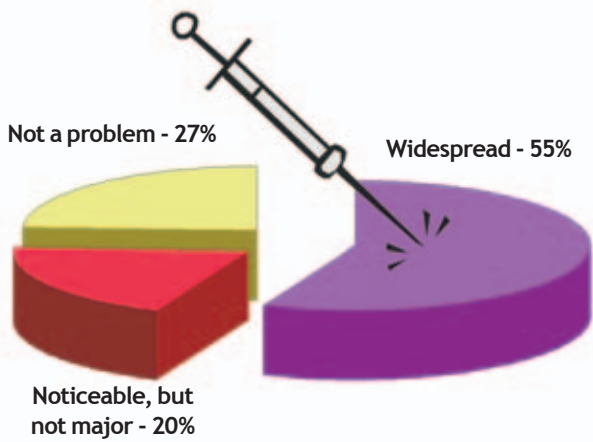
## Alumnus named top researcher

John Terry, a Ph.D. graduate from ECE professor John Williams' research group was named to *U.S. Black Engineer Magazine's* 50 Most Important Blacks in Research Science list. Terry received his Ph.D. in ECE from Tech in 1999.



TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 211 responses.  
How big of a problem is campus drug use?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:  
How will the basketball team do this year?  
Tell us at [www.nique.net](http://www.nique.net)



**Controlled substances**  
11/7/2004 5:25:00 hrs.  
Location: Woodruff Hall North  
Incident: Underage students in possession of alcohol.

**Theft**  
11/2/2004 10:48:00 hrs.  
Location: Student Center  
Incident: Report of a stolen book-bag.

11/3/2004 16:36:00 hrs.  
Location: Ethel St. NW  
Incident: Report of a stolen kero-sene heater.

From the files of the GTPD...  
Crime Reports

**Theft (continued)**  
11/4/2004 8:26:00 hrs.  
Location: Smith Residence Hall  
Incident: Report that several vacuum cleaners were stolen.

11/4/2004 12:32:00 hrs.  
Location: Barnes & Noble  
Incident: Offender arrested for shoplifting.

11/4/2004 16:54:00 hrs.  
Location: 351 Ferst Dr.  
Incident: Report of a stolen license plate from a post office break-in.

11/5/2004 9:23:00 hrs.  
Location: CRC women's locker room  
Incident: Report of a stolen wallet.

11/6/2004 16:40:00 hrs.  
Location: Student Center  
Incident: Report of a stolen wallet.

**DUI**  
11/2/2004 20:34:00 hrs.  
Location: 14th St. @ North Ave.  
Incident: Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

11/4/2004 4:21:00 hrs.  
Location: Techwood Dr. @ Fourth St.  
Incident: Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

**Traffic accident**  
11/1/2004 17:28:00 hrs.  
Location: Fifth St./Fowler St./Techwood Dr.  
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident (no reported injuries).

11/6/2004 1:40:00 hrs.  
Location: Tenth St. @ Hemphill Ave.  
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident (injuries reported).

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grrrh  
Ahh TBS, treat them like princesses guys they have it so hard at tech.  
Does someone pick and choose what slivers they want in the paper?  
Question: Why does that stupid poll never show you the results for the QUESTION YOU ANSWERED?!

The man started a war on a concept, and we reelect him! Fine then, I declare a war on idiocy!

The Technique should add The Boondocks to its cartoons!

RAMBLE ON!

never do a hands on lab with your significant other

SGA wants us to participate in a contact sport without anything to protect our bodies? awesome

There needs to be a web site that lists all the cool homepark parties coming up.

Uuuuhhhh, I don't know about game night....

At the volleyball game I was shouting "SAVE THE BAR-BELL CLUB!"

Thanks for securing my laptop

GTPD officer Quimby. Keep up the good work!

Georgia Tech is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. Wait, I mean beer.

Anyone else having issues communicating with GT POP servers?

"Making America look more Christian will not make America more Christian." ~a republican

I give you f-ing eight thousand dollars a semester, give me a teacher who can teach!

Has anyone noticed how the bottom floor of the ES&T always smells like vomit? ALWAYS?

6 socks does not equal false advertising, only enhancement!

Hurray! incoherent inside jokes... I love how trite this newspaper has become

I just witnessed the most depressing election of all time... republicans control the house the senate the presidency and soon the judiciary.

# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Graduate Student Senate

# Grads allocate funds to annual iMovieFest

By Shan Sharif  
Contributing Writer

The Graduate Student Senate passed three bills Tuesday morning, including an allocation to this year's iMovieFest.

Most of the meeting's discussion focused on the iMovieFest bill. The organization representative stated that there was an exponential increase in participation in recent years. This year, he said, between 1,200 and 1,500 participants are expected—up from 1,000 last year.

He went on to say that, based on the number of participants expected and the estimated cost of the event, only ten percent of the total cost per person was requested in their SGA bill. The organization asked SGA for only \$3 per person while the event usually costs about \$30 per person. Outside sources, such as sponsors and fundraising, will make up the difference.

Unlike last year, Delta Airlines did not sponsor the event. The or-

**“Just a reminder—JFC is a recommendation.”**

**Ed Greco**  
Physics senator

ganizers are seeking other outside sponsors.

The main debate on the bill dealt with the portion of media-related expenses SGA would fund. The Joint Finance Committee's policy regarding these expenses is to cap them to at \$50. The representative countered.

“I understand the need for JFC policies...however, in defense, this [event] is reliant on media [related expenses] each year,” he said.

Senator Ed Greco agreed that limiting forms of media would hurt the event because media is so vital to

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## Bills passed

- Joint allocation to Tennis Club
- Joint allocation to Yellow Jacket Fencing
- Joint allocation to Men's Club Soccer
- Joint allocation to iMovieFest

## Undergraduate House of Representatives

# UHR caps maximum absences

By Arcadiy Kantor  
Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives held a productive session Tuesday night, passing four bills and appointing the head of a new committee.

The House also passed a special rule of order to institute an absence policy in the House.

In accordance with the new policy, representatives may miss no more than one more meeting for the remainder of this semester, and no more than three meetings next semester.

Violators may face impeachment.

The representatives opted to allocate over \$2,000 to iMovieFest to cover expenses for Campus MovieNite, held at the Ferst Center, at which student films produced for the festival are screened for the student body at large.

The bill drew a great deal of discussion as Matthew Taylor, the organizational rep, had requested nearly \$1,000 dollars for funding purchases of mini-DV tapes for the recording of the films, DVDs for distribution of the created films to each participating team, and slim cases for those DVDs.

JFC Chair David Andersen said that according to committee policies, SGA could allocate a maximum of \$50 a year towards media costs for any given organization. As such, JFC recommended cutting the DVD-related expenses from the bill entirely and only covering \$50 of the \$306.72 requested for the mini-DV tapes.

This modification met strong resistance from representatives who argued that iMovieFest was a media-centric event and as such should not be limited by the \$50 funding limit. Despite this, representatives voted to



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Anthony DeCinque asked for money for the Mock Trial Club for travel expenses to two invitational tournaments at UHR this week.**

amend the bill to deny funding the DVDs and cases, arguing that in the past the festival had posted movies online in Quicktime format.

Taylor explained that the DVDs were necessary so teams could preserve high-quality versions of their and others' work, but the undergraduates did not feel this justified the cost, saying that anyone who wanted a DVD should be able to get one by paying for it.

They did, however, decide to fund the mini-DV tapes in their entirety, as Taylor explained they could not reuse tapes from previous years because they kept them for archival purposes. He stated costs of archiving in a format other than on the tapes would be prohibitive, as each tape

## Bills passed

- Special rule of order
- Joint allocation to Men's Club Soccer
- Joint allocation to Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech (ORGT)
- Joint allocation to iMovieFest
- Joint allocation to Mock Trial Club

would translate into gigabytes of video at full quality.

The bill was further amended to cut poster costs from the requested \$32 to \$18 and then passed.

The senators also passed a bill allocating \$828.50 to the Georgia

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I just wrote an email to one of my professors. It started with Prof. Riley dude, and ended with - love, erik  
Is it just me, or is it really impossible to code sober?  
I voted for Nader.

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**Caution-Wet Floor:** Students in the Glenn dormitories rush to save what they can from damage resulting from a flood of water in the hallways Sunday. The flood was caused by a burst pipe.

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Tech Mock Trial Club for travel expenses to two invitational tournaments the team planned to attend. The bill drew some discussion as the organization asked for \$190 to fund “case demonstratives,” various props to assist in the presentation of the case for each team.

JFC misinterpreted the function of the demonstratives as advertising posters and as such had recommended cutting funding to \$18.

The representatives did not follow JFC’s recommendation on the demonstratives, but they did agree

that the lodging costs the club had requested should not be funded. The bill was passed after being amended to remove the allocation of the hotel expenses.

Also passed was a bill to cover travel costs to a tournament for the men’s soccer team.

The House then proceeded to discuss the formation of the Executive Nominations Committee, which would be tasked with questioning committee chair appointees and making recommendations as to whether they should be approved or not.

“We get a list of 20 names saying which committee they’re going to be

chairing and we just approve it without discussing it, usually,” said junior representative Paul Byrne, one of the representatives considered for the position of committee chair. “Why this committee has been looked over for so long I have no idea.”

After an executive session, however, the House decided to appoint Chris Rankine, member-at-large, to chair the committee.

Undergraduate President Amy Phuong also announced at the meeting that Tiffany Turner would no longer be serving as the Vice President of Campus Affairs, and that SGA was actively looking for a replacement.

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its success. “Just a reminder – JFC is a recommendation,” he said after a motion to amend the bill per JFC was made.

JFC also recommended cuts in funding for making DVDs of submitted movies which could be given to students attending the event. After debate, discussion, and several amendments, the senate decided to pass the bill with enough funding to create DVDs only for students who submitted movies. The final form of the bill that passed called for approximately \$2,500 for the event.

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**David Andersen**  
JFC chair

Funding for a new organization, Yellow Jacket Fencing, was also passed. Haining Yu, co-president of the organization, acted as representative. She said the club is growing quickly; 25 members are expected for the spring semester, up from 14 this semester.

Yu noted that the organization was only requesting 14 sets of equipment instead of 20 sets, as stated on the bill.

She also recommended removing funding for gloves. Those changes would make the bill total approximately \$4,200.

The club plans to purchase equipment that comes in generic sizes so all members can use them. Also, the club is requesting electrical equipment that, according to Yu,

meets the standard for competition and safety.

“This equipment is necessary for safety. Fencing is a combat sport,” she said

JFC recommended dropping funding for jackets and shorts because they are dependent on sizes which may not match all future members.

David Anderson, JFC chair, said, “We don’t have much money to allocate, and we don’t want them to request clothing that might not fit their members next year.”

After making amendments to match the organization’s requests and

JFC’s recommendations, the bill was passed.

The Tennis Club introduced a bill that was also passed after being amended. JFC decided to drop funding for court fees, tennis balls, stringing, shoes and grips. Stringing, shoes, and grips were dropped because JFC policy states that personal equipment cannot be funded.

The court fee request was erroneously included in the original bill, as the team thought court fees would come into effect starting January. However, the fees will not be charged until next August. The bill passed for a total of \$333.

The senate also passed a bill paying for the travel expenses for the Men’s Soccer Club to attend a national tournament in Austin, Texas.

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Hey girl in my physics I class, I wrote a song for you. It goes like this.  
Judd-judd judd-judd judd-judd.  
I’m so metal  
I’m so punk rock  
I’m so hardcore  
Look, Ms. Sparks, I know that you only taught me briefly, and that was 4 years ago.. but I love you  
I can’t believe I used to make fun of people that posted slivers  
Bad Idea = Halloween costume consisting of Donald Rumsfeld mask, leather pants, whips and chains and then going to frat parties  
Maybe I’ve submitted too many slivers tonight.  
Written on the wall of a bathroom stall in Van Leer - “GT, welcome to the sausage party”  
TOAST!  
Who actually uses the Barbell Club?  
How many EE’s does it take to screw in a lightbulb?  
Really, I’m curious  
Dude, just let it go... she’s got TBS  
My roommate just turned me in to the Honor Board because I asked him what was on a test that he took before me.  
Last Thursday I left work early so I could catch the USA TV premiere of the Episode III teaser trailer...I am t3h g33|<  
I’ve come to the realization that no one but me knows how to spell “y’all” correctly.  
The apostrophe is supposed to be placed where letters have been omitted!!!!  
I will fill up the Sliver box like a Sliver fiend.  
The most secure way to win an election is to rig it.  
Haha! The STAC/Anti-STAC war continues!!  
To me brothers! Beware the mutant...the heretic...the STAC major...  
Ivan Allen College = majoring in electives  
BrockBerlinisaturd  
drutaisnilreBkcorB  
why censor me and allow such other sliver filth?  
To the STAC bashers: we got in on the EXACT same credentials that you did, and at least we’re smart enough to know that you need a hell of a lot more than engineering to be successful once you graduate  
PO is a sexy beast.  
Harrison Zeros are hot.  
Alaska can come too.  
If you want broccoli, what the hell is broccoli anyway.

## Funds from page 1

previous year's request. The total amount requested for the upcoming fiscal year is \$2.6 million.

However, although the \$3.2 million Student Activity Fee has increased enough to cover funding requests from the previous year, the amount of Tier 1 requests have increased by an additional 12 percent this year.

Representatives from the Tier 1 organizations have attributed their increased budget requests to recent building expansions and operations costs from additional facilities made available through the expansions.

In a presentation to the Undergraduate House of Representatives and Graduate Student Senate, officials from the Campus Recreation Center attributed increased budget requests to additional risk management requirements, and increased customer service-level staffing.

Campus recreation funding requests also included money to cover an extension of the facility's hours of operation; an earlier opening time on weekdays, later closing time on weekends, and availability during home football games are all planned.

The increase in Student Center funding is exclusively for the operation of the Student Center building; funding for Student Center programs and activities falls under the lower priority Tier 2.

The Student Center's increased budget request is attributed to the construction and operation of the recently completed Student Center Commons.

"We are finding that the volume of business from the expanded Student Center is tremendous, and there is a requirement for additional administrative support," said Student Center Director Rich Steele.

"We put in a request to have more personnel, we have more rooms, more room bookings... Another

reason is that due to the number of computers, we were required to have our computer support positions be a full-time position," said Student Center Treasurer David Ziskind.

Information regarding the increased Tier 1 fund requests and the subsequent impact on lower tier student organizations will be presented at the planned town hall meeting.

"We are having a town hall meeting next Thursday, Nov. 18, so that the students can decide for themselves how they want the future of the Student Activity Fee to be handled," Andersen said.

Funding options presented by student government are to either increase the Student Activity Fee or leave things as they are and risk having little to no funding for many student organizations within Tier 3.

"In order to continue funding Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 organizations at a sustainable level that they require, it looks as though we would have to have a Student [Activity] Fee increase of at least \$10 per semester, beginning the next fiscal year," Andersen said.

Andersen posed some of the questions that will be raised for Tech students at next week's town hall meeting.

"Do they want to sustain a fee increase to continue to fund Tier 3 sports club, culture clubs, and other organizations which do impact this campus... and to provide the student life that so many people are looking for?" he said.

"Or do we want to have the Student Activity Fee to remain at the same rate it is already at... which would mean cutting Tier 3, and being able to fund Tier 1 and Tier 2 at their full capacity?" he asked.

Andersen encouraged students to voice their opinion on the upcoming budget requests, saying "this is the students' money, and they should have a say in how their money is being allocated."



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**The Tenth and Home apartment complex aims to provide living space for graduate students and their families. However, the complex is currently accepting applications from single graduate students.**

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for a limited time, because it is midyear," Meyers said.

Another solution, Morrison suggested, would be to target those who need a temporary residence and plan to move out before the next semester begins.

"We are considering opening up the apartments to temporary renters, such as visiting faculty," Morrison said. "They could rent the apartments for a short period of time and then move out to be replaced by married graduate students."

The issue of filling open spaces, according to Morrison, is a temporary one. Eventually, the Tenth and Home apartments will be rented out to married students exclusively, since the building was originally built for this purpose.

"The apartments are not designed for single individuals," Meyers said. She compared the building to Burge, the existing Tech facility that houses

**"We are considering opening up the apartments to temporary renters, such as visiting faculty."**

**Dan Morrison**  
Assoc. dir., Residence Life

families.

"It will be like Burge in that it's for families, but Burge is an older, less attractive building with very little

play space outdoors," she said.

By opening Tenth and Home in 2005, Morrison said, Tech aims to encourage the growth of the graduate student population.

He said, "At campuses like MIT's, there are about two graduate students for every undergraduate student. At Georgia Tech, the ratio is almost the reverse. We want to change this."

According to Morrison, the convenience of the Tenth and Home building appeals to graduate students with families—it is on-campus and fills their needs by providing facilities for children, such as play areas.

Beginning with the fall semester, Meyers said, single graduate applicants will no longer be considered. The leases of single graduate students who already live in Tenth and Home will not be terminated, but the vacant units will be filled by married students.

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Shut up with the broccoli.

If you want pepperoni and bullets, you've come to right place.

So all that talk about "celebrating diversity"—what about celebrating diversity among courses of study, or does that just not count at this school for some reason?

Blah.

Is Lauren single?

Fine if x

Calvin, my one friend wants to h

Calvin, my one friend wants P

Currently I loathe Republicans... seriously, the sliver should be politics free... way to be douches about the whole situation- oh and I'm not a Democrat

.....I meant to say, "I like your booTs."

bitch bitch bitch, moan moan moan...

give me some more slivers, bitches

if i'm news editor, you have to be my bitch.

no, no, no,

you have no idea what you are talking about.

we'll learn to open the doors when you learn to say thank you!!!

i love you hao... happy birthday!!!

You think the Republicans are trying to offend? You think the Pride Alliance doesn't offend anyone?

I love the crisp weather...

Aw man oh man. I got such an ugly date tonight...

Could everyone stop bitching/gloating about the election? And by everyone...I mean everyone

Wednesday Parties for the sake of Wednesdayness are great.

No Promiscuity? Obviously you haven't met my roommate.

thermodynamics test= ass raping

physics department= ass rapers

Hi Jessica from up in brownsville, Pa

someone thinks you hot....

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By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**This is Not a Drill:** A small fire broke out in the Eighth St. Apartments Wednesday night at approximately 10:30. About 150 people gathered to watch as the fire department put out the blaze. No information about the cause or extent of the damage was available at press time.

# String of thefts hits post office

By Emily Tate  
Contributing Writer

Burglary is never a comforting thought, but for many Tech students, the thought is especially unsettling because it involves their personal belongings sent through the post office. There have been six instances since the beginning of this semester of burglary at the Tech post office, the most recent of which was reported Oct. 26.

Postal services manager Morris Power said, "We've had a string of break-ins...where someone broke the outside window and stole some of the packages."

According to Power, most of what was stolen from the office is electronics. Officer Carla Cook of the Tech Crime Prevention Unit confirmed this. "Burglars will usually steal electronics to sell on the street," she said.

She also emphasized that the possibility also exists that personal information from credit cards and other forms of identification could potentially be items of concern.

If these items were to be stolen, the potential consequences to the victim could be as real as any other package theft.

Some of the police reports specify that items such as passports have

been stolen already.

This kind of theft is a matter of concern for some students. Upon hearing of the problems concerning theft, first-year Electrical Engineering major Matthew Habib said, "Something needs to be done."

Habib and other students are not alone in their concerns. The Tech Police Department is currently conducting an investigation into who has committed these robberies, and the post office has taken strides toward extra security measures.

So far, both the Tech Police Department and post office are

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## Ask Dr. Clough



Institute President Wayne Clough answers your questions from the State of the Institute address.

**SGA has to continually cut funds from student organizations, including club athletic teams. What do you plan to do to fix the funding problems for the organizations that are so important to student life?**

Improving the quality of student life remains an ongoing goal at Georgia Tech, and there are signs that we are making progress. Recent reviews in the Kaplan guide and other similar publications verify this. Working with students in the planning process, we have made significant investments that are changing things for the better, including:

- A new state-of-the-art Campus Recreation Center
- New Student Center Commons (open longer hours than any dining facility before)
- New Student Health Center
- Renovation of Couch for music programs
- Design of Tech Square to be student friendly and create a "college town" feel.
- Opening the campus "green"
- Enhanced student organization access to Ferst Center
- Woodruff Dining Hall renovation
- Creation of the student life fund

"Improving the quality of student life remains an ongoing goal at Georgia Tech..."

- for events like Georgia Tech night at Six Flags
- Significant enhancement of study abroad opportunities
- Twenty four hour access to the Library West Commons

We created the student life fund last year with a commitment of \$100K/year from Institute sources. While we look for donors to endow this fund, I am committed to supporting this initiative for the foreseeable future. We are also working hard to increase our Parent's Fund and all such dona-

tions will be used to help improve campus safety and support student life and leadership programs.

Our goal is for Georgia

Tech to provide the best educational, cultural, and social environment we possibly can for our students. One point of validation of the progress we have made to date comes in discussions with alumni, even those who have been away only a few years. They inevitably are impressed by the changes. A second one relates to student retention, which this year was the highest in our history at 92.4 percent.

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my boyfriend also says i have a wierd obsession with the sliver box. This message is for the arrogant CS moron: "Alumna" is the feminine singular form. "Alumni" is the plural, and "alumnus" is the singular male form.

See page 12 for more Slivers!

## Thefts from page 6

saying that they do not believe the suspect is a student because of the forced entry.

"Rarely do we find that students commit these crimes," Cook said.

The actions that students can take in these matters of crime are limited, according to Cook.

It is recommended that students do not give out a mail box combination to anyone.

Furthermore, students should

retrieve packages as soon as possible after receiving an email notification of a package arrival to minimize the window of opportunity for theft of personal articles.

"Check your mail box daily... other than that there's not much you can do regarding security," Cook said.

Students can contribute to the heightened security measures as well by keeping a watchful eye out for suspicious activity when around the post office.

"If you see any suspicious

characters wandering around the post office after normal operating hours, call the Tech Police and let us know immediately," Cook said. The number is 894-2500.

Although this case has not been officially solved, Cook reported that one of Tech's repeat offenders, a suspect that has been known to commit crimes of this sort, was arrested in the past week.

She went on to say that she believes the crimes surrounding the theft of items from the post office will decrease with this recent arrest.

## Folk from page 1

However, Morrison stressed that there would not be any problems with students not knowing where they were going when move-out day came.

"Residents will know by when they move, Dec. 12, at the least where they are going," Morrison said.

"It would have been better if they could renovate so that we're not kicked out of the dorm in the middle of the year," first year Undecided Engineering major Kevin Dirth said.

Morrison said that the work could not be fit into a summer session, however, and indicated that housing needs in fall precluded keeping the dorm closed then.

"We have to have every room for Fall to keep the system working," he said. "There is simply too much to be done in a three month summer period."

He added, "We are updating the electrical system, every surface, sprinklers, air conditioning, upgrading the kitchens and bathrooms, and putting in moveable furniture."

Residents recently had to turn in a form stating roommate and housing preference as well as priority between the two.

"Priority for the new rooms was determined by going back to when they first applied. The earliest get the best chance of their first choices if available," Morrison said. "There are approximately 75 roommate pairs and maybe 15 will be able to stay together."

Resident response to the situation is varied.

"It's positive, because if I didn't like my roommate I get a new one. The negative is I have to move and I'm happy here," said Zach Saunders, a first-year Physics major.

"I do not have hopes of staying with my roommate. I wish it would happen, but I don't think it is going to," said Kyle Kessler, a first-year Computer Engineering major.

Housing says it will work with residents during the transition.

"After [residents] move, if new roommates are willing to make double moves we'll allow that once everyone is in housing," Morrison said.

Folk Peer Leader and second year Industrial Engineering major Michael Kelley said, "All the PLs have worked to make people feel like they're not being shafted. Realistically, it's unfortunate for the section to be split up."

"All we can do is fill out the requests and hope for the best," Kelley said. "It makes the housing staff's job harder because we have four months to build a community instead of eight."

Folk's renovations and closing continue the process of renovating all the Tech Estate buildings. "This

is our fifth closing like this in seven years. We've found that about 20 percent will pack all of their stuff up and take it home with them over break. They then come back the weekend before spring semester to settle in."

Most recently Caldwell Hall was closed and those residents relocated. When asked how housing has learned from that experience, Morrison said, "We've tried to communicate early and often."

Some residents, however, disagree that communication has been frequent.

"Housing hasn't mentioned Folk closing. I asked and they said they're not really disclosing anything," first-year Industrial Engineering major and Folk's Hall Council President John Shea said.

"Hall Council talked at the last meeting how to handle the spots that Folk residents have, but we don't really know yet," Shea said.

Housing is offering several services to residents before and on move day.

"We're giving out boxes and tape over Thanksgiving break if the men want to take anything home and downsize some," said Morrison. "There will also be curb to curb

help on Dec. 12. We can't put it right there for them, but we can get the boxes to Eighth Street if that's where they're moving."

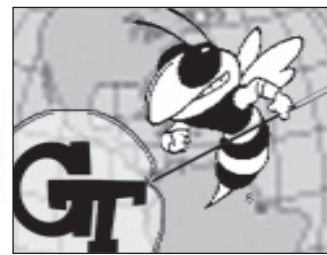
When asked about the upcoming move, first year Computer Science major and Folk resident Justin Berger said, "They've been nice about it. We get first pick on where to go... We still have to move all our stuff though."

**"We are updating the electrical system, every surface...upgrading the kitchens and bathrooms..."**

**Dan Morrison**  
Assoc. dir., Student Life

## Breaking the Bubble

A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.



### Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat dies

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat died early Thursday morning in a Parisian hospital. Arafat had been on a respirator and slipping into a coma since Nov. 3. His body will be flown from France to Cairo, where a state funeral will be hosted for him by the Egyptian government. He will be buried outside the Palestinian Authority headquarters compound in Ramallah, where he had been confined for the past three years. While Arafat, who has led the Palestinians for the past five decades, has no clear successor at this time, the Palestinian constitution does call for elections to be held within 60 days.

Among Arafat's most notable achievements is the Nobel Peace Prize he was awarded in 1994, along with Israeli leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. Their work on the Oslo accords was, at the time, seen as a milestone towards permanent peace in Israel, and the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

### Woman, 56, gives birth to twins

Just three days before her 57th birthday, Aleta St. James brought forth to this world a baby girl and boy at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital. The twins were birthed by cesarean section, and are said to be in excellent condition.

St. James, a motivational speaker and life coach, is said to be in excellent condition as well. St. James had undergone in vitro fertilization, and she is now among the oldest Americans ever to give birth to twins.

While it is not recommended for women of St. James's age to give birth because of health concerns for both the mothers and babies, more and more women are giving birth thanks to modern medicine. St. James is however, is still one of

the few women over 55 to ever give birth. Most fertility clinics in the nation don't take women over 50 into their programs.

### NASCAR allows hard-liquor advertisement

NASCAR lifted a ban on hard-liquor ads on its cars, saying that attitudes and times have changed since the era when the ban was put into place.

The restrictions on hard-liquor ads were originally put into place in effort to change the sport's image -- from that of southern moonshine runners to a modern family-oriented sport.

### Halo 2 makes debut

Fans throughout the country queued up to be among the first to be able to purchase and play the long-awaited sequel to the game that set the standard for online console gaming: Halo 2. According to MTV news, the "Halo 2 Flu" has struck, causing many workers to call in sick and sequester themselves in their respective living rooms. During the first day of its debut, 108,000 unique users were already online "trying to blast each other's brains out." More than 1.5 million copies of the game were sold through pre-sale, and Microsoft raked in an estimated \$100 million in the first day of regular sales.

### Ashcroft steps down

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced his resignation on Tuesday. Aides cite declining health as one reason for his departure.

President Bush has nominated White House legal counsel Alberto Gonzales to replace Ashcroft.

If confirmed by the Senate, Gonzales will be the first Hispanic American appointed to this position.

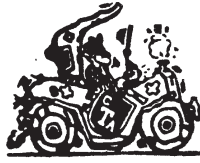
A former Texas Supreme Court justice appointed by then-Gov. Bush, Gonzales has a long history of ties to Bush, including serving as Texas's secretary of state and being named to White House counsel in January 2001.

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# OPINIONS

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**Quote of the week:**  
*"The more freedom we enjoy, the greater the responsibility we bear, toward others as well as ourselves."*  
 —Oscar Arias Sanchez

## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

### Déjà vu

The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) and the Student Center have once again put the Student Government Association (SGA) in a difficult position by requesting an additional \$283,680 for next year's budget. This brings their combined request to \$2.6 million out of the total \$3.2 million available from the Mandatory Student Activity Fee (MSAF). The increased requests could jeopardize funding for Tier 3 organizations, which include sports clubs, cultural organizations and academic clubs. As a laudable first step toward increasing awareness and gauging student opinion, SGA has scheduled a Town Hall meeting at the Campanile on Nov. 18.

This situation is all too familiar. It was just one year ago that the CRC asked SGA for an additional \$500,000 to cover the increased operating costs and salaries it faced due to expanding the facility. In addition, organizations moving to the Student Center Commons asked for more money to cover moving expenses. SGA faced a \$600,000 deficit and the likelihood that it would be unable to fund any Tier 3 organizations. Ultimately, the budget crisis was averted at the eleventh hour by the Board of Regents' decision to grant a \$12 increase in the MSAF and the unexpected increase in freshman enrollment. Even so, the increased requests caused major headaches for SGA and organizations alike during the budgeting process.

At the time, SGA promised to investigate long-term solutions to handle both the increasing financial demands of the CRC and the needs of Tier 3 organizations. Proposals at the time included the idea of splitting the CRC portion off from the MSAF, which could insulate Tier 2 and Tier 3 organizations from CRC budget increases. Apparently, when the immediate crisis was averted, these proposals were left on the shelf to collect dust.

This year the solution should not be to lobby for another fee increase. The time has come for SGA and administrators to find a permanent solution, not just settle for a quick or easy fix. It is time to face the painful, but very real possibility that students in SGA, with their short terms and limited financial experience, lack the expertise, the time and the power to scrutinize budget requests from such large organizations. An independent auditor, outside of SGA, the CRC and the Student Center, should be responsible for evaluating requests and expenditures. An administrator with real authority must be in a position to judge these requests and force cost-cutting measures when appropriate. Before the student body is asked to pay any more money, it must know with certainty that requests are justified, in the same manner that a public company has a system of checks and balances in place for its stockholders.

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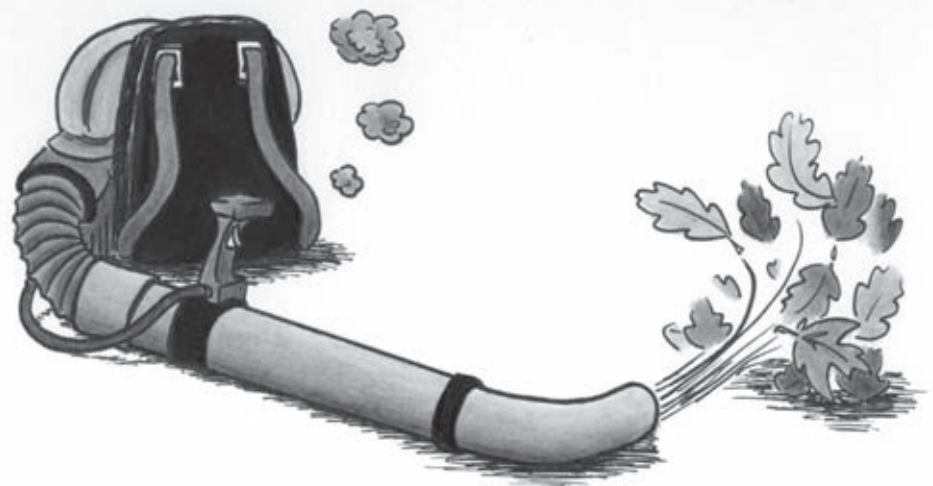
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## TECH'S NEW ALARM CLOCK

By Brian Lewis / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Pop music in sad state nowadays

I was browsing through some music headlines the other day and came across a rather disturbing piece of news: Britney Spears, after only five years in the public eye, is releasing a "greatest hits" album. Pardon my naïveté here for a moment, but don't people usually release greatest hits albums after they've been around for a very long time, or is five years about the limit for a successful music career these days?

Actually, don't answer that question. Now that I think about it, with the way that record labels churn out pop confections these days, I guess five years is about the limit for anything so cheaply made. I mean, when you release an album every 10 months or so and are constantly in the public eye for one stupid publicity stunt or another, five years can encompass for today's pop princess what 25 encompassed for the great artists of yore.

Before I go any further though, I feel that I must at least give a nod to the artists out there who refuse to be placed in a mold and who are single handedly upholding the little integrity that popular music has left. They are the reason why I haven't forsaken the mainstream completely and relegated myself solely to obscure bands no one has heard of.

Now that I've gotten that lovefest out of the way, I'll get back to my regularly scheduled indictment of the rest of pop music. The trouble is that, I have so many grievances, I hardly know where to start. At the risk of boring everyone, I suppose I'll start at the easiest place—the beginning.

I grew up listening to what many people consider the classics as far as music goes—the Beatles, the Beach Boys, Creedence Clearwater Revival, the Rolling Stones—the list goes on. Sure, I had exposure to the popular music of the '80s and early '90s, but with only a few notable exceptions, I much preferred the local oldies radio



**"Pop music still comes off an assembly line packaged in blonde lip-synching tarts and publicity stunts."**

**Hillary Lipko**  
 Entertainment Editor

station over MTV.

As I got older, I became more immersed in the pop culture of my own time and started listening to more and more popular music. At the time, most of it was good stuff, or at least it didn't repulse me. Over time I became a veritable fountain of information regarding pop music.

As time wore on, however, the music I heard on my favorite radio stations became less diverse and I began to like fewer songs.

According to the music industry, it was the era of the teen pop fan. According to me, it was hell. I tolerated it for a while, switching between radio stations any time a song came on that I didn't like and soon not listening to the radio at all. I took refuge in my ever-growing CD and MP3 collection. I had a great system where I'd hear about a band, download a few songs and then add their CD to a list of ones to buy as soon as I got money. It worked pretty well until I got banned from Napster. I didn't like Metallica too much after that.

That was a good five years ago. Fast-forward to the present and things haven't changed too much. Pop music still comes off an assembly line packaged in blonde lip-synching tarts and publicity stunts. What has changed, however, is that there is once again an alternative.

Slowly, bands that break the mold are emerging and bringing hope to those of us who feared that their kind was gone forever. Sadly, however, the mainstream was and

continues to be slow in embracing these bands. On the bright side, however, it seems that somebody, somewhere is becoming wise to the fact that the 15 minutes for the prefab pop confections is nearly up and it's time to cash in on their prior success one last time—hence the Britney Spears "greatest hits" album.

While I've only really addressed my own disenchantment with the music industry, there exists so many other issues that are contributing to the decline of the music business as we know it. The industry's refusal to embrace advances in technology hurt them greatly for years after the emergence of the MP3.

Combine those with an economic recession, an end to the need to replace an analog music collection with a digital one, a flat out decline in the release of good new music and a refusal to change an outdated business model and you've got a pretty clear picture of how bad things are looking right now.

The cure, it seems, is a sort of revolution within the industry. Artists are breaking away from major record labels and forming or joining independent ones. In a way, an industry that started out as many small record labels and eventually evolved into a few huge conglomerates is coming full circle.

To musicians and music fans alike, I hope the revolution is successful. To the pop acts who are more product than substance, compile your "greatest hits" now, time is running out.



# Decades later, Tech wrestles over same old issues

Things are always changing. Things never change. Can these lame philosophical clichés coexist? Answering this question is easy when you have an entire library of *Technique* archives at your disposal. So let's take a trip back in time and look at the headlines from this month in 1973.

Page 2, Nov. 16. "SAC-70 committee makes plans." For all of you upperclassmen who fondly called their old workout facility the SAC, then subsequently made repeated sexual jokes using the name, here we find the acronym's genesis. The name SAC-70, or the Student Athletic Complex 1970, referenced the target-construction date. Keep in mind this article was printed in 1973. Like our current CRC, it too had major setbacks and carried a hefty price tag that would greatly affect campus finances.

Page 10, Nov. 9. Here's an advertisement for an abortion. They appeared regularly in the paper. Granted, this is right after *Row v. Wade*, but could you imagine seeing an ad like this in the *Technique* today? Despite being totally legal, such an ad seen by our alien-to-me conservative student body would certainly cause uproar.

Page four, Nov. 9. "Alumni exert power again, push for easy 'jock' major." This editorial,



"So let's take a trip back in time and look at the headlines from this month in 1973."

**Art Seavey**  
Development Editor

although admittedly not supported with numbers or hard facts, claims that alumni, faced with a losing football season, were putting pressure on the Institute to lessen requirements for the School of Industrial Management.

It reads, "The alumni who support these changes say that since Tech recruits from the academically depressed South, we cannot expect to find smart jocks." The editorial resulted in two lengthy letters from professors in the Biology and English departments, denouncing any attempts to dumb down the curriculum. Tech's sports teams are always said to embody the "student-athlete ideal." Yet repeatedly we hear the barrage of insults against non-engineering majors or the uttering of the M-train slur. This divide didn't just appear overnight.

Page six, Nov. 9. Here I found an advertisement for what looks to be part of Sally Rickett's

campaign to become a freshman representative. "SHE WILL REPRESENT YOU!!!" it reads. Perhaps things have changed on this front. The lackluster campaigning of both the graduate and undergraduate senators and representatives, respectively, this year and the last has left much to be desired.

Now, reading the current *Technique's* council clippings we see that the undergraduate house's attendance is greatly slipping. As we saw with the recent tuition hike, the student body had to rely solely on the student executives in the house; our representatives were nowhere to be seen.

Page four, Nov. 9. A catchy consensus editorial entitled "Santa Claus" begins the opinions section. The column reads "Garry Williamson, council treasurer, said recently that the council usually 'does not bat an eyelash' at any expenditure of less than \$10,000. The council

simply is not equipped to decide whether the organization's proposals deserve the money requested... Santa Claus should only be seen on Christmas Eve." We don't need to bring up this year's sign issue again. But the column does have a helpful, timeless piece of advice, "The *Technique* suggests that the council screen the organizations requesting money after the regular yearly allocations a little more carefully."

Page 9, Nov. 2. Here's a column in response to a posting on a complaint sheet tacked on a bulletin board. The original complaint read, "The guys on the Tech campus always go off campus to get dates. Why dammit? There are a lot of coeds, if they would just take the time to open their eyes." Tech guys complained about the same things back then, "...all girls at Tech just want to be friends," or "...all girls at Tech are on the make for potential husbands," said the column. But even then, the girls had a quick comeback, "Most of [the guys] look like refugees when they come to class."

Human drama supposedly never changes. Just taking a short look back, it seems in many ways, we're not so different from our funkier counterparts 31 years ago. Hey, somehow the Varsity is still around.

## OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

### HOT- or -NOT



#### Ballers in the media

Finally after years of being dismissed in the media in favor of other high-profile ACC teams, the men's basketball team is getting the respect it deserves. Luke, B.J., Jarrett and crew are becoming media darlings, appearing in national print & television media outlets from ESPN to Sporting News. We hope that the preseason spotlight doesn't spoil these talented athletes and make them feel overconfident.



#### Parking Vandals

Our campus parking decks have been the persistent victim of broken parking arms. But this time vandals have gone too far in Curran Parking Deck. Not only has the wooden gate been broken off, but the gate's mechanical frame is ruined. These acts only hurt students in the form of increased fees and parking squatters. Maybe the time has come for metal arms or tire spikes.



#### President Red Zone

Defying the odds, Dan Richard has won his campaign to become the next president of Old Spice's Red Zone Bodywash. As part of his "presidential" duties, Richard is appearing in national commercials for the product, and he will also receive a free trip to Hawaii. Now if only we could all tag along on the trip.



#### Blowhards

As if getting enough sleep wasn't enough of a challenge already, students now have to deal with obnoxious leaf blowers before 10 a.m. with increasing frequency. Now that winter has arrived, it is time for the leaf blowers to stop blowing leaves in the early morning. The gas guzzlers frankly are just rude.

## YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Broadcasting sexuality a must

[Editor's note: This letter is in response to the Nov. 5 article on the College Republicans letter to GTCOW]

In their letter to GTCOW, the College Republicans write that the gay community "broadcasts" its sexuality while straight people do not, but the Republicans never stop to wonder why.

Let this, as the College Republicans call it in their letter, "radical homosexual" tell you why. We "broadcast" our presence because if we do not, we will never gain the equal rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution.

Consider the two largest civil rights movements in United States history: women and blacks. Neither group gained equal rights until they made themselves noticed, until they "broadcast" their presence. Only after years of public, organized struggle and protest did these groups gain equal rights in law, if not in fact.

We must make ourselves

noticed if we want America to recognize our plight and take action against the bias that we face today in society and law. We must be loud and proud just as women and blacks were so many years ago.

Heterosexuals, despite what the College Republicans claim, also "broadcast" their sexuality. From the moment we are born until we die, we are surrounded and indeed bombarded by straight sexuality. We accept it as the norm only because it is so deeply ingrained.

Every American in this country is entitled to equal protection under the law. Until gays have the same rights, including civil marriage, as those enjoyed by heterosexuals, we will continue to "broadcast" our existence in our effort to fight and defeat the agenda of injustice promoted by the Republicans wherever they may be.

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# BUZZ

*Around the Campus*  
What's your favorite place to go off-campus?



**David Blanton**

MGMT Fourth-year

"Rocky Mountain, they have \$1.50 woo-woos and Mellon-balls everyday."



**Dhaval Patel**

EE Freshman

"Regal 54 because its one of the places I get to lose the woes of school."



**Karishma Jiva**

CMPE Freshman

"Centennial Olympic Park b/c it's nice, quiet and the water show is amazing."



**Erin Ramsey**

ME Second-year

"Waffle House because they put the cherries in the cokes."

Photos by Lauren Griffin

# Arguments against GTCOW unfounded

In last week’s article about the College Republicans’ letter, Britton Alexander of the College Republicans was quoted as saying that GTCOW’s Sex for Ramblin’ Wrecks sex trivia event included “an instructional course on how to masturbate.”

This is completely false, absurd, and wrong for Alexander to be making such claims. The trivia event covered sexual health issues and was meant to be educational.

Such inaccuracies just go to show how much some people want to undermine Pride Alliance’s legitimacy.

Now why is this? I am not one to simply call someone a bigot, but ignorance suits some of these people much better.

It’s the most offensive thing for

me to have to hear homosexuality compared to bestiality or even for someone to assume that because I am a homosexual, I must therefore be promiscuous. Please, for such intelligent people as the students at Tech, use some judgement.

The so-called valid arguments against our community can be used against any other group of people in this country. And then 99 percent of the rest of the arguments are inaccurate and false.

No, we didn’t choose to be gay. Why would we? No, we don’t convert people. People try to convert us “back to the light.” No, we’re not all promiscuous. But if we’re continually repressed into a state of second-class citizenship, some of us resort to alternative means of happiness. Again, this is not unique

to the LGBT community.

Those who make these ridiculous claims about LGBT students at Tech have absolutely no idea what they’re talking about in regard to our community.

To anyone who seems to think that Pride Alliance is some bogus “Sex Club” as Alexander has so elegantly labeled us, I challenge you to attend one of our general meetings. Get on our email list. I dare you to try to understand who we are. Because I guarantee you have no idea.

By the way, the heterosexual masses need not be afraid, because Pride Alliance does, in fact, have straight members.

Felix Hu  
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# Flawed voting system damaged election

I am about to graduate in December. As one of my last acts as a student at Tech, I cast my vote for president.

Did it count? I don’t know. I am registered to vote in precinct 2p. I showed up at the poll at Tech, precinct 2x, to cast my vote like I did four years ago.

In 2000, I had no problem. This year, my name was not on the registered voters list.

Why? I have no idea. I showed up with my voter registration card, driver’s license, passport, birth certificate and social security card.

I was ready to vote and my vote may not be counted. They even checked the master list and I wasn’t on that, either. I then went to my precinct to see if I was on their list,

and I wasn’t.

Since I was not on the “list,” I had to fill out a provisional ballot. This is much like an absentee ballot.

However, after doing some research, I found out that these ballots are usually highly contested and can be thrown out on technicalities.

I also found out that I was supposed to get information on how I can check to see if my provisional ballot was counted and why it may have been thrown out, but I didn’t. They were nice enough to supply me with a voter registration application, but that really didn’t do me any good.

We have been told that every vote counts in this very close race for president, but is everyone’s vote really being counted?

There have been accusations thrown back and forth about people being intimidated into not voting. They are even allowing political parties to send in people to challenge voters’ eligibility at Ohio polling places.

There is also the issue of votes of the dead counting and technology problems nationwide. Never have I seen an election that has turned into such a circus.

So with all this going on, will my vote actually count? I may never know. I can only hope that the system will work and my vote will count, but how can you have faith in a system with so many issues?

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# For the sake of your brain, pick a job carefully

By Matt Gillum  
*The Chronicle (Duke U.)*

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C.

Before deciding what to do with your time on earth, you ought to see statistics that relate lifetime happiness to job choice.

While career counselors work tirelessly to place you in graduate schools, consulting firms and corporations, they are less disposed to reveal data that reflects levels of insanity among the different professions.

Considering that you will be working in that field for many years, it pays to be informed about its psychological consequences. And with the looming implosion of Social Security, having a satisfying career until death do you part becomes a necessity.

And if you want to maximize your chances for happiness, one career offers the best shot.

In a study of high achievers, researcher Anthony Ludwig found definite trends in the risk for mental disease associated with different career paths.

“Poets have the highest rates for any emotional disorder (87 percent), followed in descending order by fiction writers, actors, nonfiction writers, artists, musical composers and musical performers (68 to 77 percent). Explorers, military officers, politicians and natural scientists have the lowest rates (27 to 35 percent). Overall, 72 percent of artistic types, 49 percent of social types, 41 percent of investigative types and 39 percent of enterprising types suffer from

some form of mental illness over the course of their lives.”

But even if you are not a budding poet, there remains a 32 percent chance that you will develop a mental illness someday. And this bitter statistic holds for every profession—except one.

Within this astounding group, Ludwig recorded no cases of anxiety, depression, melancholia, mania, schizophrenia-like psychosis, pathological anxiety, somatic dysfunction or stress reactions. Indeed, explorers enjoy superb mental health relative to members of other fields.

Since sanity largely depends on living in accord with human nature, it is reasonable to suggest that they behave in ways more compatible with our evolutionary heritage. And, in fact, this seems to be the case.

Primitive hominids blessed with a taste for novelty, discovery and adventure gained an advantage in prehistory by finding superior environments, technologies and buxom virgins.

Consequently, this legacy endures in us today. If we ignore it, we do so at our own peril, doomed to become like caged animals, neurotic and pacing our cubicles.

But considering the absence of expeditions recruiting on campus, you must satisfy your primordial need for discovery and new knowledge in other ways. And while it may not be possible to find new continents, the frontiers of possibility remain wide open in other fields.

In the end, we live on this bizarre planet together, and will sink or swim as a single breeding unit.



# FOCUS

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## SPORTS STARS' SOFTER SIDE

P.J. Daniels, Jarrett Jack and Lynnette Moster talk about interacting with the Tech community as students, rather than as athletes. **Page 30**

## WINE AND WOMEN

In Alexander Payne's movie *Sideways*, a wine connoisseur tries to teach his about-to-be-married best friend about the finer things in life. **Page 20**



# ESPN's *I'd Do Anything* tests student's limits

By Jennifer Lee  
Focus Editor

We at the *Nique* can't seem to get enough of reality shows these days. Luckily, there's no shortage of Tech students who've had their taste of reality show fame.

David Horwath, a fourth-year Civil Engineering major, was recently a contestant on the new ESPN sports reality show *I'd Do Anything*. The show, hosted by George Gray (who has previously hosted shows like *Junkyard Wars* and *The Weakest Link*) features three contestants competing head-to-head in four sports-related challenges.

In the ultimate act of altruism, the winner gets nothing for him or herself—but he or she does enable a family member or friend to have their ultimate sports fantasy fulfilled. Horwath competed to win a chance for his younger sister Carolyn, a high school sophomore, to play with the U.S. women's Olympic soccer team. Horwath, who is on Tech's cheerleading squad, heard about the show over the summer from his coach.

He decided to fill out the application, writing about how he and his sister grew closer during the time when his father left. "I pretty much talked...about how mature she acted during that time...and how much it would mean to me to give her her dream."

"I looked up and... [saw] this huge sign: ESPN *I'd Do Anything* World Championship Ballroom Dancing."

**David Horwath**  
Fourth-year CE major

On the first day of school, Horwath received a call saying he had been chosen. Horwath and his sister flew out to the West Coast on Wednesday, and the craziness soon began. "There wasn't a lot of downtime in between interviews and events," he said. "We went from sunup to sundown every day."

Horwath competed against two other men: Rich Bracken, a salesman from Iowa, and Rob Johnson, a manager from Ohio.

The four challenges—which fell into the categories of "Pain," "Shame," or "Insane,"—took place all over the country: the first two outside of L.A., the third in Las Vegas, and the fourth, all the way across the nation in Connecticut.

### CHALLENGE #1: PUT ME IN, COACH

For the first event, the three contestants had to face a pitching machine that shot baseballs up to 100 mph—definitely "Pain" if the balls hit you.

There were two rounds: in the first, they were hitters, and in the second, they donned catchers' mitts. Points were given for fair balls hit, and balls caught. "They were throwing them in the dirt, they were throwing them straight at you,

high, to the left, to the right," Horwath said.

Horwath didn't win that event: one of his contact lenses had broken that morning, and the crew didn't have enough time to get a replacement.

"I was trying to do all that with one eye...it added some challenges," he laughed.

### CHALLENGE #2: ICE, ICE BABY

The next challenge involved curling, the winter Olympic sport in which competitors try to push a stone weight over ice onto a bullseye.

The twist, however, was that Horwath and his competitors were the weights.

"Instead of using stones, we used our bodies," he said. "We'd have to run down this carpet, jump and slide across the ice." A stone was placed where the contestant's head ended up, and the next competitor tried to knock the stone out in order to get their head closer to the bulls eye.

The "Pain" part of the event came with the cold. Toward the end of the event, the carpet was taken off the ice, and a new coat of water was added to the sliding surface. After multiple rounds, all three



**Pain, Shame, Insane:** On ESPN's new sports reality show *I'd Do Anything*, David Horwath, a fourth-year Civil Engineering major, learned how to ballroom dance and dangled from a blimp 800 feet above the Atlantic Ocean—all so his sister could get the chance to play with the U.S. women's soccer team.

By Amanda Thomas / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

contestants were soaking wet and very cold.

"You couldn't feel your feet, you couldn't feel [anything]...it was unbelievable," Horwath said.

Despite the cold, Horwath won that event. "I don't know what that says about me," he laughed.

### CHALLENGE #3: "A GI-GANTIC BARNEY"

Next stop: Las Vegas.

When he arrived, Horwath couldn't help but speculate about the challenge. "We pull into Las Vegas, you're thinking, boxing, maybe," said Horwath, who was a wrestler in high school.

Instead, they arrived at the Star-

dust Hotel to find out that they would be featured in a world championship exhibition for...ballroom dancing. "I looked up and [saw]...this huge sign on the Las Vegas strip: ESPN's *I'd Do Anything* World Championship Ballroom Dancing—David, Rich and Rob," he said.

The three were given an hour with an instructor to learn how to dance the tango and salsa. "Anybody that knows me knows I can't dance," Horwath said.

In addition, the audience consisted of 1000 professional dancers and judges as well. But Horwath ended up doing pretty well.

"When they...showed it on the

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## CAMPUS RESEARCH REVIEW

# Beyond the bit: one step closer to quantum computing

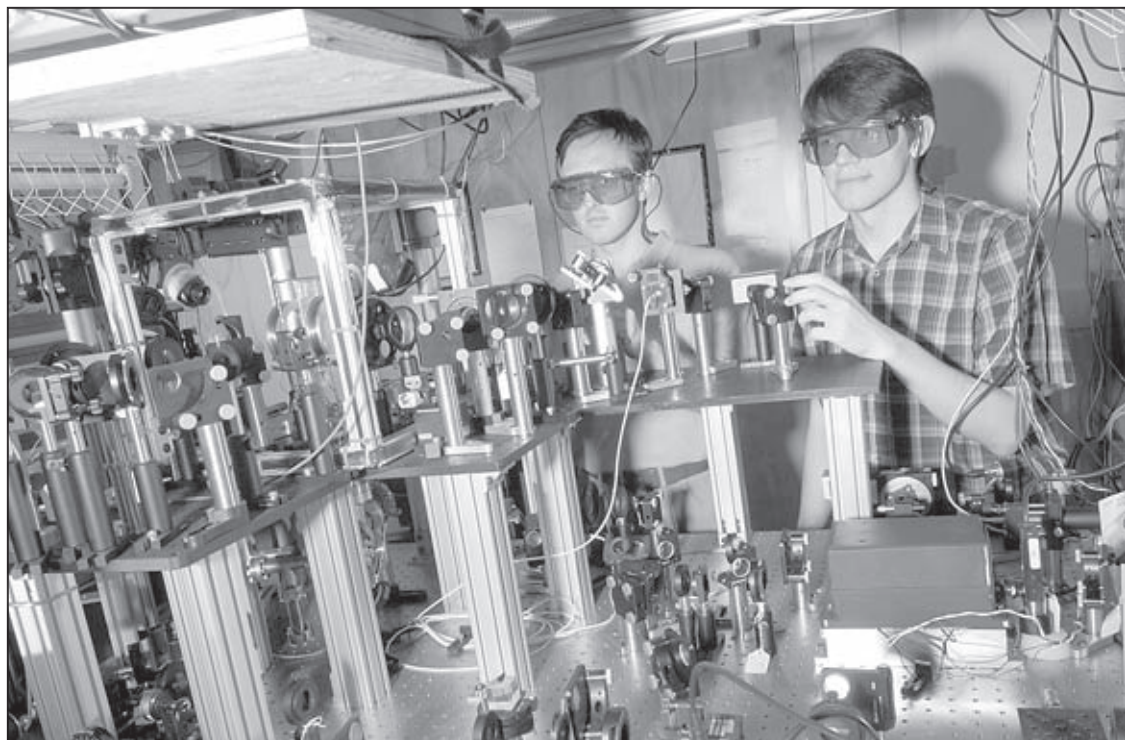


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Alex Kuzmich, assistant professor in the School of Physics, and Dzmitry Matsukevich, a third-year Physics graduate student, have successfully transferred quantum information from matter to light—creating a "network node" that could be a building block for quantum communication networks in the future.

By Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

A new advancement in quantum computing and communications, often hailed as the breakthrough computer technology for the 21st century, has come to light—thanks to a team of scientists in the School of Physics.

Alex Kuzmich, assistant professor of Experimental Quantum Optics, and Dzmitry Matsukevich, a third-year Physics graduate student, have successfully transferred quantum information from matter to light.

This procedure creates a quantum network node that exploits the advantages of both matter and light, which may prove beneficial in the construction of quantum

communication networks.

"A really big issue in quantum information systems today is distributed quantum networks, and for that, you must be able to convert quantum bits of information based on matter into photons," Kuzmich said.

**"[Quantum communication] is the safest way to transfer information from one point to another."**

**Dzmitry Matsukevich**  
Physics graduate student

Quantum computers and communications systems depend on storing information on atoms and photons. While atoms are stable and good for long-term storage of information, they do not travel well.

Photons, on the other hand, can travel for miles down a fiber optic cable but are tricky to store. The team's experiment may allow for communications systems that take the best of both worlds, by

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# For men on color guard, flags are anything but “girly”

By Kristin Noell  
Senior Staff Writer

He is out there on the field during the football game, giving the best performance he can. He always gets the right amount of spin and rarely drops; he even catches his own tosses.

No, we're not talking about Reggie Ball. This is Marc Holcomb, a senior Film/Video major at Georgia State and one of only two men on the Georgia Tech Color Guard.

At a school that is predominantly male, being in the minority can draw attention, and sometimes even ridicule. The two men are sometimes openly insulted, particularly at football games.

“The other day at the Virginia Tech/Georgia Tech game,” Holcomb said, “I walked out with my flags, getting ready to go out on the field, and somebody screamed ‘flag boy’ from above my head.”

Holcomb tries to take it in stride. “I turned around and waved, because I *am* a ‘flag boy.’ I spin flag; I’m a boy.”

Holcomb first started guard in the fall of 1998 as a sophomore in high school. After two years, he took a break to do other things within the band program. He returned in the spring of 2004 when he joined Tech’s winter guard.

This is Holcomb’s second season on Tech’s guard, though his first fall season. The fall sea-

son differs from the winter one in that the fall guard’s primary performances are at football games, adding a visual element to the band’s performance, while the winter guard performs at indoor competition in front of judges.

However, he didn’t find out that he could be part of Tech’s guard until his third year of college.

As a Georgia State student, “I didn’t know that I had the opportunity to be in the Georgia Tech band until last year,” he said.

According to Holcomb, since his time on Tech’s color guard, he hasn’t experienced too much discrimination for being a guy.

“That was actually my first comment,” he said, “and it didn’t bother me, and I don’t really care.”

Holcomb and his fellow members know that guard is hardly a feminine activity, after all.

“You come out and spin guard, do a band camp, and you’ll see it’s not a girly thing,” he said. “You get injuries. You have as many injuries doing this as playing football, playing baseball.”

“You get people that knock their teeth out; you get people [who] break their thumbs, break their wrists, break their ankles [and] smash their noses in. It’s definitely not a girly activity,” he said.

Holcomb said he participates in guard because he enjoys its

artistic quality and the fact that it requires different skills than playing in the band—which he also did during high school.

“It’s not more difficult; it’s not less difficult; it’s just a different kind of difficulty,” he said. “It’s just more interesting to me. I like doing flag work because it’s more intricate and more artistic.”

Being on color guard also requires a fair amount of dancing skill, which is perhaps why so many people call it a feminine activity.

Although one might expect otherwise, the color guard’s 1:16 male-to-female ratio (32 women and two men, not including the instructor), a far cry from Tech’s normal 7:3, does not keep Holcomb and the other male participant together all

the time.

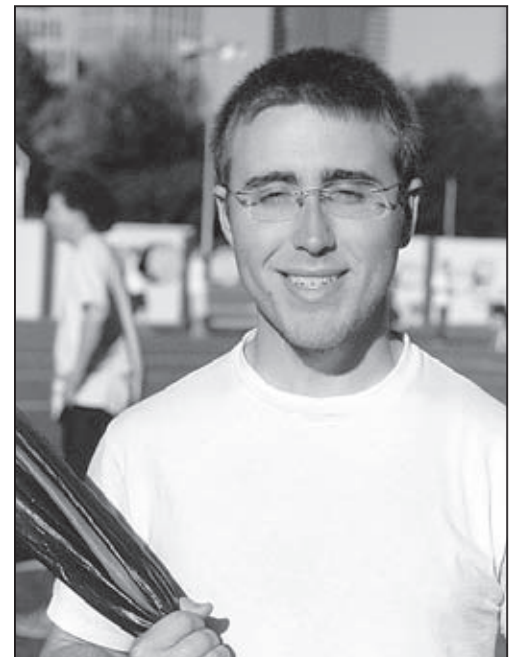
“We actually don’t talk that much,” he said. “He does weapon and I don’t, so we don’t spend a whole lot of time on the same parts of the field.”

“We do have a common bond that we are the only guys on the guard,” Holcomb said, “but it’s not something that’s so completely unifying that we spend all of our time together.”

Therefore, it is not surprising

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Marc Holcomb is one of two men on the Georgia Tech Color Guard. Though he sometimes receives flak for doing what is popularly viewed as a “feminine” activity, Holcomb says guard is hardly girly.



By Andrew Saulters (above), Jamie Howell (below) / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



## SLIVER

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Two words: manners.

i hate being in love with someone who i know will never ever be able to love me back

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that being very much in the minority is not difficult for Holcomb, who said there is "no problem with the ladies."

So what is it like being around so many females for so long?

"It's a lot of estrogen, but it's a lot of fun," he said.

And there are perks. "You get a lot of insight that makes your other guy friends jealous," Holcomb said. "They'll come to you like, 'I don't understand why my girlfriend does this' and I know the answer because I've been around girls, just girls, for so long...so girls will talk around me and I learn these inside things that a lot of guys don't get to hear."

Certain elements of women's conversations have ceased to bother him as well.

"You learn not to flinch when you hear the word 'tampon' or other things about that sort of thing," he joked.

If anything, Holcomb seems to enjoy spending his time being surrounded by women, and guard is a far from feminine pastime for him.

In fact, he said he may continue after college.

"I don't know if it's something that's going to be feasible when I'm in the workforce," he said. "I don't know yet."

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television, my sister was screaming the entire time, but I couldn't hear anybody; I was so focused on what I had to do," he said.

Bracken won the event, eliminating Johnson, who had not yet won a challenge.

So, where did the shame come in? "The shameful part of that was... our outfit," Horwath said. The three men had to wear ruffled silk shirts with a low V-cut—and extremely tight pants. "These pants were so tight...it took me forever to get them on," he said.

In addition, Horwath, who was of a bigger build than the other two men, got the short end of the stick when it came to the color of his outfit. "Of all colors, I got purple. I was like, the other guys got red and blue, and I got purple?"

"The host...

said, 'You're a gigantic Barney,'" Horwath laughed.

**CHALLENGE #4: 800 FT. ABOVE THE ATLANTIC**

The final event, in the category "Insane," took place in Connecticut, and it was winner-take all.

For the challenge, each contestant would be taken out over the Atlantic Ocean in a giant blimp. Two 40 ft. cargo nets, each with six tennis balls attached, would be suspended from its underside.

The contestants had to climb down one net, collecting the balls along the way, make his way over to the second net, and climb back up to the blimp, collecting as many additional balls as possible—all from 800 ft. in the air. Scoring was determined in part by the number of balls recovered and the contestant's time.

"The first couple steps were the hardest...looking down and all you see is water," said Horwath, who had to go first. He got through the

course with no major problems, collecting all 12 balls. However, his foot got stuck in the net near the end of the course, and with strong winds twisting the nets, the situation turned dangerous.

Horwath couldn't get his foot out of the net, and the crew, trying to help him, tightened the tension in his harness, cutting off his circulation. In addition, Horwath was on the verge of exhaustion. "I climbed a couple more feet and collapsed; I

had nothing left," he recalled.

It took all three stunt men, the host and the cameraman to pull Horwath back into the blimp, and by that point, he was nearly unconscious.

"From when I was dangling until when we were almost all the way back on the ground, I have no recollection of what happened," he said.

Back on the ground, Horwath watched Bracken take his turn. Bracken was unable to match Horwath's climbing height, but Horwath, 800 ft. below, thought Bracken had won. So when he heard the results, he and his sister were ecstatic. "It was awesome because one second you feel like you'd lost...and then the next second you've won," he said.

**THE AFTERMATH**

Horwath and his sister returned to Atlanta the next Wednesday, having missed a week and a half of school.

Now they're just waiting. "[Caro-

lyn's] so excited; she can't wait to meet the team," Horwath said. In order to work around both parties' schedules, they're looking at Christmas break or next summer. "They'll either bring the team out to Atlanta or fly my sister out to Denver," he said.

When the show aired this past month, some 50 members of Horwath's family and friends went up to ESPN Zone in Buckhead

to watch. "Everybody loved it," he said. "I still get made fun of for a couple of things, but I figured that was part of the territory."

Though his motivation for applying was for his sister, Horwath's perspectives have changed a little. "I don't see myself doing that for anybody else," though he said, "being on ESPN...was pretty exciting."

And now, Horwath is thinking about taking the next step.

"I'm actually thinking about applying for *Fear Factor*," he said, laughing. "I figure I've done this; I might as well try for something for myself."



# Tech Up Close

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Last week's winner:  
Trey Clark

**THIS WEEK'S PHOTO:**

By Julia Bunch / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

# Catching up with... Dan Richard

*First he won at Tech; now he's won it all, beating out men from 17 other universities around the nation for the title of Old Spice Red Zone President.*



By Jennifer Lee  
Focus Editor

On Election Day, the nation was divided over the president of the U.S.—but there was another race on Nov. 2 in which everyone at Tech agreed on the candidate.

Two weeks ago, Dan Richard, a third-year Industrial Engineering major, won the “primary” when representatives from Old Spice came to recruit students to be their next “Red Zone Body Wash President.”

Winning the primary meant that Richard was in the running

“The best part about this entire election was... not winning the trip to Hawaii, but just feeling loved by everyone that voted for me.”

**Dan Richard**  
Third-year IE major

for a trip to Hawaii against 17 other primary winners from colleges across the nation, such as Northwestern, UCLA, and University of Florida.

Online voting for Red Zone President took place over one day, on Nov. 2. Richard took the election seriously, publicizing it through every outlet possible: flyers, word of mouth, email and IM.

“I was able to send email back home,” said Richard, who is from south Georgia in Camden County. “Camden County is

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using matter to store information and light to transfer it.

The setup, which took Kuzmich and Matsukevich a year to construct, looks like an elaborate arrangement of mirrors and lenses. It uses a laser beam and clouds of rubidium atoms to inscribe a “quantum bit” on the clouds (see box for details).

“The light emitted from one cloud is polarized vertically, and the light from the other cloud is polarized horizontally,” Matsukevich said. “When both clouds contribute to the photon emission, the polarization of the emitted photon depends on the overall states of two clouds.”

Matsukevich said that it was necessary to divide the atomic system into two clouds to measure one bit of quantum information more effectively. “For a classical computer... just 1 and 0, that’s like two states,” he said. For a quantum computer, a system can be either in one state, in the other state, or in both states simultaneously—the logical equivalent of “yes,” “no,” and “maybe.”

“It is much more difficult to encode the bit of quantum information in just one cloud,” Matsukevich said. But because a quantum computing system can make use of three states to represent information, physicists have theorized that a quantum computer could solve certain problems, such as code breaking, much faster and more efficiently than a conventional computer.

Another advantage of this technology is the construction of quantum communications systems. Unlike current networks, which are susceptible to hacking and security breaches, a quantum network would

## HOW A QUANTUM BIT IS BORN



1) A simple laser beam is split and passed through two separate clouds of rubidium atoms. This forces each cloud to emit light that is combined into a single photon when the lasers are recombined at the other end, a photon that is quantum-mechanically entangled with both clouds.

2) According to quantum mechanics, this entanglement means that altering the photon’s polarization affects the quantum state—that is, the overall excitation state—of the clouds. Kuzmich and Matsukevich manipulate the photon to inscribe a quantum bit upon the clouds, or, in other words, to alter the clouds to take on a predetermined quantum state.

3) A few hundred nanoseconds later, Kuzmich and Matsukevich pass another laser through the rubidium clouds, forcing the clouds to emit another photon. This photon’s polarization represents the quantum state that the researchers inscribed into the system in step 2. Information about the atomic system of rubidium atoms has now been transferred to a light particle, representing one quantum bit of information.

be theoretically immune from eavesdropping.

“When you measure the quantum states, you change the quantum state measurements. It’s the basic law of nature,” Matsukevich said. As a result, it would be impossible to “eavesdrop” on a quantum network without leaving some sort of trace that would be immediately detectable.

“People can... deal with quantum communication in such a way that they will see if somebody is trying to intercept your message or listen,” he said. “So basically, [it is] the safest way to transfer information from one point to another.”

Which leads Kuzmich and Matsukevich to the next step: sending the photon from one chamber of rubidium atoms across a fiber optic line to a second chamber.

“Then [we’ll] build a third cham-

ber, a fourth chamber, increase the efficiency of our chambers, [and] make it... real quantum communication,” Matsukevich said.

However, there is an inevitable loss of signal strength when light is sent down a fiber optic cable, so Kuzmich and Matsukevich are working to construct a quantum repeater, which would amplify the signal.

For their research, the Tech physicists used light at a wavelength of 780 nanometers. For transmission in conventional optical fiber networks, however, they will have to switch to the 1550 nanometer wavelength that has become standard in the telecommunications industry.

Matsukevich predicts that applications of this technology will not appear for at least five to 10 years, given the time required to conduct the proper research and develop efficient, working systems.

## SLIVER

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i wonder how GT police would respond if you called and told them that a buncha phys 2112 students were getting raped tuesday night at 6

When the country falls apart and Iraq turns into another Vietnam - remember how you voted.

to the loser throwing rocks at squirrels...is your life really that sad that you have to beat up on a squirrel?

Calvin Johnson rocks my world

C. Johnson - you are awesome

hey calvin johnson, can you play at quarterback too?

Keith Jones is the new David Nelson.

RAFTING IS AWESOME!

we all fell out in one giant clump...and then almost drowned yup stayed up saturday night studying for ME test on monday. life

here is great. PS dont ever in your right mind take chen for 2211

he is a slave driver

The College Republicans’ recent comments about Tech’s Pride Alliance were absolutely horrible. To call the Pride Alliance a “sex club” is an attempt to slander a group that exists to provide a haven f

I think I’m the best guy kisser in the world. All of my reviews have given me two nipples up.

We need to throw the ball to Calvin Johnson a whole lot more.

AJ, get over yourself and be a man. The world does not revolve around your conversations. I am not your effing babysitter; stop blaming your faults on me. And for the record, I do not like your hai

bush lied to start a war to make money involving the deaths of thousands of americans and billions of our cash. 4 more years, awesome!

Why is there lag with Slivers? (11/7/04)

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“ouuh, I haven’t felt water on that part of my body yet....feels kinda cold.”

There are drugs on campus?? Do you mean something besides caffeine, happy pills, and NyQuil ??

Why have the best memories of my past become the worst ghosts of my present?

What drug problem? There is no drug problem on campus. They are widely available.

W is for pWnd

This I-Raqi is gonna Jihad your ass if you don’t shut the hell up!

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such a small community...whenever something like this happens, the entire county knows about it."

Richard's sister Andrea, who attends Georgia Southern, also sent a flurry of emails and IMs around her college.

And, of course, Richard drew on his loyal base of "fans" here at Tech: friends were leaving away messages that read, "Vote for Dan!", posting to message boards and forwarding his emails.

The six degrees worked its magic, and many students who had no idea who Richard were good-naturedly voting for him anyway.

The fact that it was an online vote may have also given him an edge.

"My friend Adam pointed out that we go to the school who rigged the Time Magazine Man of the Century online so that the winner was George P. Burdell," Richard said. "What did Old Spice think they were getting themselves into by letting Tech participate in this whole thing?"

He's not complaining, though. On Election Day, "I did skip a class to stay back [and]...watch the numbers go up and down," Richard admitted. "I started off at the beginning of the day way behind and this one guy from Ohio State had 60 percent of the vote and I had about 15 percent."

So he took action, and many IMs later, Richard took the lead.

According to the website, results would not be announced until Friday. Richard, however, received a call early in the afternoon the next day from TeamWorks Media, the PR group for Old Spice.

"They heard that I tried out originally by playing my harmonica and singing a song, so they...said, 'We have our entire team in here on

speaker phone. We want you to sing and play the same audition song you did way back at the beginning.'"

He did, and then they told him the good news—he had won.

"I started jumping up and down," he said.

"I was all by myself [in my room], but...I think the people down the hall heard me, and I was just yelling."

The trip to Hawaii is planned for sometime in February. It is a five-day, four-night package for two, and, as planned, Richard is taking his sister.

A spa package and golf package are also included. Richard doesn't know how to play golf, but, he says, that won't stop him. "I get the chance to play golf in Hawaii, and not many men can say that," he said.

Richard also took advantage of his "presidency" by asking TeamWorks Media if they can get him on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, his favorite show.

"They said [they'll] look into it," he said. "So after I do my homework,

I'm going to be writing a pitch, which the media people will review and send to *Conan*, so...cross your fingers, knock on wood, rub a rabbit's foot, say a little prayer, do a little dance...whatever it takes."

Richard also gets to see himself on TV, along with the other two Tech candidates, Matt Toner and Matt Drake.

The commercials they each had made for Red Zone Body Wash aired this weekend during the NC State game. All four commercials featuring Richard are also available at [www.olds spice.com](http://www.olds spice.com), which also features a short Q&A with him.

Regarding the commercials, Richard is pretty happy with the way they turned out. "Maybe it's just self-consciousness, but I kind of think I look really nerdy," he laughed. "Maybe I represented Tech well."

The Q&A, on the other hand, was a different story. Richard provided original answers to a set of questions Red Zone representatives had sent him.

After looking over Richard's answers and making some modifications, they sent him back a final copy for his approval.

"My responses [were] a little doctored up with some very, very cheesy

Red Zone plugs," Richard laughed. "For instance, it'll say something like, 'How'd you win, Dan?' And my answer was, 'I got the word out like crazy,' but *their* answer was something like, 'I couldn't have done it without Red Zone Body Wash!' I read it and thought, what the crap? When did I ever say that?"

In the end, though, Richard can't help but be a little cheesy as well.

"The best part about this entire election was honestly, not winning the trip to Hawaii, but just feeling loved by everybody that voted for me," he said. "It just really felt awesome that day."

**"My [Q&A] responses [were] a little doctored up with some very, very cheesy Red Zone plugs.**

**Dan Richard**  
Fourth-year IE major



Photo courtesy TeamWorks Media

Dan Richard, a third-year IE major, showed he could rally a crowd at the Miami game, an ability that helped when it came to getting people to vote for him as "Red Zone President" this past Tuesday.

## What are YOU thankful for?

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## HAIL TO THE CHIEF

Tech student Dan Richard has been elected Red Zone president in a promotion for Old Spice. Page 14

## ROW YOUR BOAT

Learn about the sport of crew and meet one of Tech's most successful club sport teams. Page 27

# Get slice of life at *Café Puttanesca*

By Swathy Prithivi  
Contributing Writer

*Café Puttanesca* is a deliciously bawdy concoction masquerading as a musical cabaret. Currently playing at the Horizon Theatre in Little Five Points, it is, according to playwright Michael Ogborn, "a five-character slice of life."

The musical is set in 1948 in Amsterdam's Red Light District where all are welcome at Café Puttanesca, the local watering hole.

"One can almost smell the canals of Amsterdam as one laughs along with these risqué, soulful folks who make a joke out of everyone..."

Three regulars, Marquesa (LaLa Cochran), the Duchess (Kenya Hamilton) and the Baroness (Michelle Lynne Martin) as well as the café owner (Philip Webster) along with his wife, Rosa (Denise Arribas) reminisce over songs and drinks as the Duchess prepares to leave for America in pursuit of marital happiness.

The musical is a paean to alternative families and celebrates the spirit of these ladies of the night who have



Photo courtesy Horizon Theatre

Set in post World War II Europe, *Café Puttanesca* focuses on the lives of a colorful cast of characters in Amsterdam's Red Light District. The play runs at the Horizon Theatre through Nov. 28.

overcome trials and tribulations and are moving towards the future with weary optimism.

With music and lyrics by Michael Ogborn, direction by Heidi Cline and a gorgeous set by John Thigpen, the audience gets a realistic feel for a café in post World War II Europe.

One can almost smell the canals of Amsterdam as one laughs along with these risqué, soulful folks who make

a joke out of everyone and everything from kinky customers to a bearded enactment of Rasputin's death.

Two acts, several lush vocal renditions and innumerable raunchy jokes later, *Café Puttanesca* is entertaining but never manages to truly touch the audience. It is merry, ribald and energetic and yet does not go much below the giddy surface. But with such colorful and fun debauchery

abounding, the audience does not find anything amiss.

This musical is an interesting and worthwhile experience for anyone looking for more artsy entertainment that goes beyond regular moviegoer fare.

As the pamphlet for the musical proclaims, "who can resist a bunch of whores singing, dancing and telling dirty jokes?"

It's beginning to look a lot like...

Because the park apparently cannot go all of one week without hosting a festival of some kind, "A Southern Christmas" is coming to Stone Mountain this Saturday. Come marvel at the 1870s town of Crossroads, full of entertainers and skilled craftsmen. Also featured are a "4D" movie, a train ride, nightly "snowfall" and fireworks...and of course, Santa.

Get two wars for price of one

Through Nov. 19, the Atlanta History Center will be hosting both "Turning Point: The American Civil War" and "The Military History Collection" for all you war buffs out there. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Sunday when it opens at noon. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors, and \$7 for children.

19th-century photos on display

Through Nov. 21, the Michael C. Carlos Museum is hosting "The Eye of Greece: Athens in 19th-Century Photographs," a showcase of photographs from 19th-century Athens. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Sundays, when it opens at noon. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

## One-man Foxtrot November releases debut *Rush the Clock*

By Gopinath Jayaprakash  
Contributing Writer

The debut album from the Atlanta-based pop/rock group Foxtrot November, *Rush the Clock*, was officially released last Thursday, Nov. 4 at Vinyl.

The record from Orphan studios marks the culmination of writing and recording between the summers of 2002 and 2004 at over six locations around Atlanta area including Tech itself.

Eleven songs were carefully chosen from over 34 to make the final cut for the release.

Having split from the Atlanta-based group Odyssey to create a solo album and form a band in 2002, 23-year-old singer/songwriter and Tech alumnus Paul Varlamoff came up with concepts of the first record at recent studio sessions.



Multitalented Varlamoff also plays the guitar, keyboard arrangements and drums, and did the percussion programming for this album.

The 11 tracks bring together a wide array of styles, influences, sounds and emotions into a remarkably cohesive album that is undeniably unique yet

taps the mainstream music listeners out there.

Varlamoff has a unique voice with a wide sonic range that cuts through the intricate instrumentation to produce melancholy yet powerful

emotions in his songs.

"The record is a snapshot of the thoughts and feelings of this point in my life. There is a lot of energy, confusion and mistrust about the world around that has worked its way into the songs,"

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# Rage never dies in *Grudge*

By Amanda Dugan  
Contributing Writer

"When someone dies in the grip of a powerful rage, a curse is left behind. It never forgives. It never forgets." This Japanese belief makes for a premise that links together each horrifying event of *The Grudge*.

*The Grudge*, based on the Japanese blockbuster *Ju-on: The Grudge*, tells the story of a Tokyo house and the plague that rage leaves on it.

The history of this house is shown through American exchange student Karen, played by Sarah Michelle Gellar, who visits it to take care of an elderly woman when her usual caretaker doesn't show.

The opening scene immediately scares you out of your seat and the plot doesn't slow down until the credits role. The true horror of *The Grudge* comes from its lack of comfortable timing, leaving you scared every moment.

After being shocked by what seems a random suicide somewhere in Tokyo, *The Grudge* introduces you to the cursed house and its new residents.

Before Karen even sets foot in the house, we learn it has secrets through the unforgettable expression of the young Japanese caretaker Yoko as she looks around the attic.

This sets up the perfect déjà vu



Photo courtesy Sony Pictures

Sarah Michelle Gellar stars in Columbia Pictures' release *The Grudge*. The film is based upon the Japanese film of the same name.

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fright moment when Karen retraces Yoko's steps. From there everyone either of these women encounters is destined for death.

*The Grudge* introduces each of these seemingly unrelated people affected by the plague of the house through a broken story line that cleverly adds to the confusion.

A child ghost who only makes disturbing cat noises surfaces in the attic only to reappear in photographs elsewhere.

The pace quickens even more when the presence of the ghosts begins to be felt outside the house.

Besides its unsettling horror, *The Grudge* is unique as the remake is set

in its original Japan. "I had made these films after seeing *Ringu* and was determined to make a horror movie in a completely different style," Director Takashi Shimizu said, in an industry press release.

Although the pace of *The Grudge* is original, its ghosts are very similar to the Japanese predecessor of *The Ring* Shimizu refers to.

Still *The Grudge* provides a harder edged version of the same type of scares as *The Ring* with more substance to its storyline.

The curse that is *The Grudge* leaves no hope that Karen will survive as it never forgets, even though at every turn you will wish she could just escape the house so you can remove your trembling hands from covering your eyes.

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Varlamoff said.

There is no better example of this than the edgy and dynamic single, "Your Holiday."

"The Kindness of Faith," the first song on the album, brings out the blend of good music and strong lyrics that make this record worth listening to.

Most of the songs are about Varlamoff's life and his experiences with love. Paul feels that the record is exceptional, not because of the album sales, but because he has finally come up with a record that have been running around his head all these years.

Anyone who listens to all the songs will appreciate the genuineness of the lyrics and the undeniable effort put into making music that encompass a wide range of styles.

Foxtrot November is currently touring the Southeast and will continue through the spring.

The band will also be performing at Live at WREK on Dec. 3 on the stage in the Student Center Commons.

**Acoustic Syndicate's Long Way Round** *disappoints with cacophony*

By Nikhil Joshi  
Contributing Writer

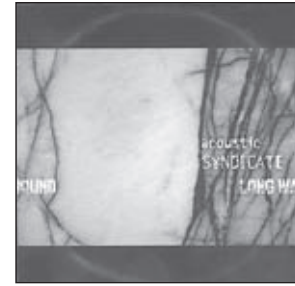
Atrocious is an understatement when it comes to characterizing the 64 minutes of music contained in Acoustic Syndicate's newly released album *Long Way Round*.

Being a fan of acoustic music, I picked up the disc expecting to hear something fresh and exciting. What I got instead was cacophony. The album has nothing to offer that would make it harmonious or meaningful.

Acoustic Syndicate's style differs, without a doubt, from that of the conventional pop band.

Band members include a banjo player, a saxophonist, an acoustic guitar player, a bass player and a singer. However, the instruments are not used together effectively. Instead of sounding smooth and pleasant, a careless mixing produces a rather dissonant tune in most cases. The vocals also leave something to be desired.

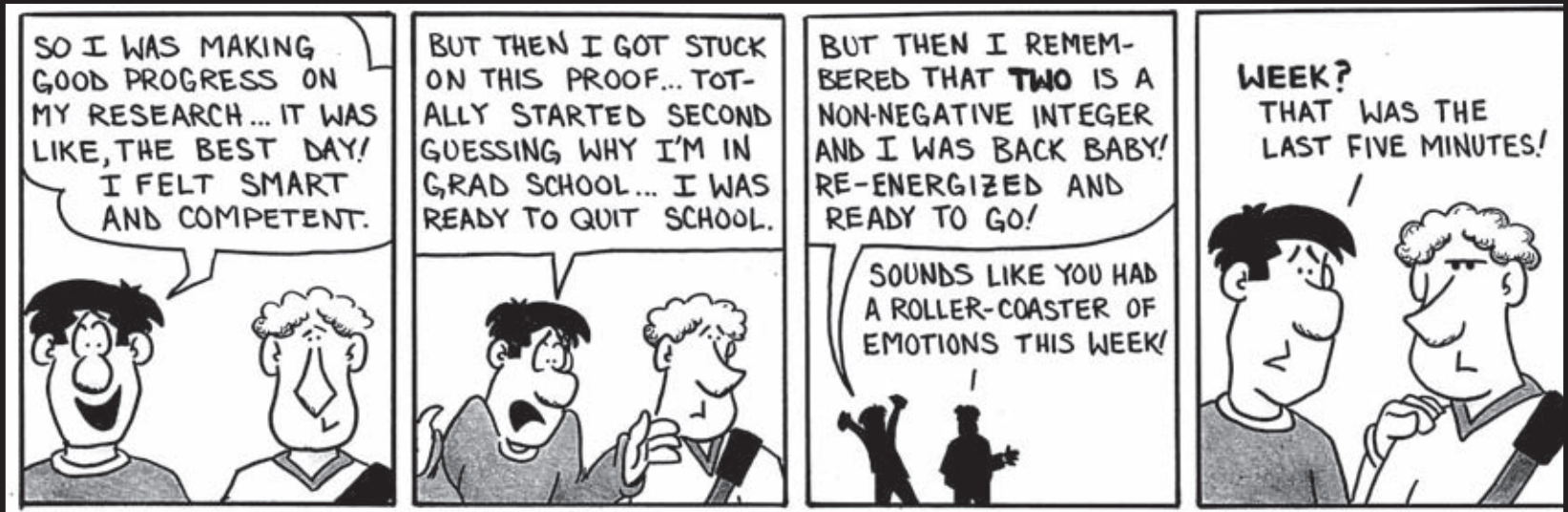
It seems that Sugar Hill, a relatively small label, is taking a chance with Acoustic Syndicate's unique style; perhaps they are targeting a niche market. However, having listened to the entirety of the album, it appears



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**Q.E.D.**

Original  
Comic  
Strip



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**SLIVER**

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NORMAL people don't have alarm clocks that scream COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!!!!

Creepy tall kid, dont come into the bathroom and just walk around with your toothbrush in your mouth while I'm peeing.

check the facts first cs major, alumna is the single female form of alumni. she knew what she was saying

well I'm a STAC major and even I know that "alumna" is the single female form of "alumni."

Don't discount STAC. Some companies choose them over engineers because they do their job AND BETTER!

Parking office<-heartless,ruthless,cocksuckers

Incresed price of tuition,parking passes/fines = fatter pockets for el presidente?

Did anyone mention how much the parking office blows?

goosecock donkeyballs

Starting salary for an engineer (with masters): \$60,000. Starting

salary for a management major (masters): 105,000 Starting Salary

for a STAC major (idt masters): 80,000

keep it in your pouches and recognize.

Just because you chose majors that puts you in classes you probably won't use once you graduate, doesn't mean you should discount the ones who do learn something valuable.

FIRE GAILEY!!

To the CS major: 'alumna' is the correct term to describe a female graduate. 'alumnus' is the masculine form. I'm a Nuke Eng. major and I know that.

Damn college republicans can't shut up for one minute..

So Kerry lost. The way I see it, let Smirkin' George fix his own problems. You started Iraq, and you finish it.

Well, the economy's still down, the War (that's supposedly is over) is a mess, and the Nation is biteterly divided. Congrats conserva-

tives, now eve

w00t

Republicans rule this country.

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# Sideways offers rich bouquet

By Michael Ng  
Contributing Writer

There's the old adage that for a writer, the hardest part of the literary process always starts with the first sentence. However, Miles can only wish for such an easy problem. Played by Paul Giamatti, Miles is the misanthropic, but ultimately lovable, protagonist of Alexander Payne's *Sideways*. Having already finished his book, Miles is concerned with far more troubling problems. He's sent the finished manuscript of his novel to several publishers, only to be rejected uniformly. Also, he's been divorced

“...[Miles has] been divorced from his wife for two years, but he still can't stop drunk dialing her...while on dates with other women.”

from his wife for two years, but he still can't stop drunk dialing her from five star restaurants while on dates with other women. What Miles needs is a break from the drudge of normalcy if he plans on keeping any of his sanity. So when Jack, his long-time college pal decides to get married, Miles treats him to a weeklong celebratory trip/bachelor party through Wine Country, USA. The misadventures start early for this odd couple. Miles is looking to sample some of the finest vineyards in California and to kill some time before he hears back from a publisher interested in his book. Jack is more concerned with



Photo courtesy Fox Searchlight  
Paul Giamatti and Thomas Church star as friends Miles and Jack whose misadventures are the premise of *Sideways*.

enjoying single life for the last time, and getting laid as much as possible in a week. However, when Jack hooks up with Stephanie, a local wine pourer, and Miles becomes romantically involved with Maya, a wine-savvy waitress, the trip takes an unexpected detour. Payne, the director of top notch indie comedies *Election* and *About Schmidt*, proves for a third time that he has an innate knack for creating vibrant films that spring forth with refreshing passion and wry wit that is absent from so many other contemporary buddy road trip flicks. To top it off, although the movie is well-grounded in reality, the second half of the film unwinds into wonderfully plausible absurdity that provided for more genuine laugh-out-loud moments than any other movie I've seen this year. Strangely, some of the most somber moments of the film transitioned into becoming the most hilarious ones. Payne's contribution is this abil-

ity to make us simultaneously laugh and contemplate the value, absurdity and hilarity of relationships. Some people may initially be put off by Miles's obsessive discussion of wine, but it soon becomes evident that the wine is a necessity to the film that functions as a plot device and metaphor for life. When Maya asks Miles what the most prized possession in his wine collection is, he replies that it is his unopened Cheval Blanc '61. Astounded that he would have something so rare in his collection, Maya offhandedly mentions that she heard that it this is the peak season for a Cheval Blanc to come to the height of its flavor. If left on the shelf for too much longer, the window of opportunity to enjoy it to its fullest will have passed. She urges Miles to savor the wine because a time like this will never come again. Now I've never tasted a Cheval Blanc '61, but I know exactly what she is talking about.



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## SLIVER

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Thank you 26, you drained my monstaz bawlz  
You engineers need to stop nerding up my management building.  
Tech got us that building so you don't taint our elite population with your horrible-ness.  
Lauren touched my tralala.  
Hey kid with the red plastic shoes: We call you 'dorothy' and laugh at you whenever we see you. Get a clue.  
It's 3 AM. do I know where my girlfriend is? Not at sig ep, that's for damn sure.  
Ying Yang and the T double D sez being gay is 'not cool, dude'  
Thomas B masturbates like 5 times a day. Sick.  
Bigger than your head.  
GT needs to quadruple the 'out of country' tuition rate. Damn curve busters.  
Dear bandwagoning basketball fans: we're going to be terrible this season, it's not worth your time going to games. Go watch the softball team or something. I'm tired of my bourbon getting hot stand I don't like this OSCAR fellow very much.  
ZTA's are so damn hot!  
Kerry=Weiner. College Republicans=heads stuck up rear  
\$20 for a new buzzcard, Are you Serious?!  
a girl can be horny and not a slut, right?  
and all guys ARE perverted ass holes!  
1770--freshman level--Ha!Ha!  
My red hat has been lost to the Ages, gone to that great hatrack in the sky. Farewell, my trusty headgear...  
2 + 3 = chair  
I heard figs likes little boys  
king of panty raids = ff (AKA MR FIGS)  
Whoever posts below me is probably homosexual.  
Dude. Dooode. Dude. Shes hot. Dooode. But....she needa more meata on them appendages. Dooode. But....check out that ass. Dude.  
Ifbeing gay is a disease...what do you propose is the cure? HATRED  
Last time I checked that is not a Christian value...you self righteous conservative.



# Two Bits

## Sweet potato wreaks havoc on Two Bits Man's kitchen plumbing, sanity

Buy a house. That is my useful advice to you this week. Sure, I realize that some of you are eighteen-year-old freshmen who live on ramen and store-brand cola, but this is important. If you take no other advice that I give you this week, buy a house.

If you don't believe me now, by the end of my story about apartment life, you will want to buy a house. Yes, my loyal Two Bits readers, I shall tell you the story of The Sweet Potato that Wrought Havoc.

If I haven't mentioned it in my column before, I cook abundantly and well and this week was no different. On Sunday, I decided to push the envelope of fusion

sine by whipping up a nice pot of Judeo-Columbian beef stew.

Like any other day in my kitchen, I peeled the vegetables, chopped them and tossed the bad parts down the garbage disposal, but Sunday was no ordinary day.

It was the day of The Sweet Potato that Wrought Havoc. I tossed one questionable piece of sweet potato down the drain, and the destructive spiral began. Gurgles, gurgles, pop, hum and the disposal was clogged and the water rising in my sink.

No worries though. The great thing

about living in an apartment is that you can be as destructive as you like and a call to the maintenance office will have your place restored within 24 hours.

I decided to be nice to my friendly apartment staff and remove everything from under the sink before I called them, because the Two Bits Man is all about courtesy.

Now, if you're like the Two Bits Man, you probably keep all of your flammables and explosives below the kitchen sink. It took me about half an hour to move about 100 individual items ranging from Sterno fuel to photographic chemicals to the most sensible place to put them—on top of my clothes dryer.

Now for those liberal arts majors reading online, I'm sure this sounds like a terrible idea, but for my Tech brethren, you know that the clothes dryer only gets hot when it's on. Of course, since they'll surely be there the next day, I can go without my washer and dryer.

Tuesday morning, I called and explained that my garbage disposal was clogged and I would appreciate if they would send someone to repair it. The woman was very nice and assured me that they would have someone come on that day.

With confidence, I went to work, knowing that if she said it would be fixed on Tuesday, I could be mutilating vegetables on Wednesday morning, but alas no! There would be no vegetable massacres for the Two Bits Man on Wednesday morning. So I called them back.

"Yes, Mr. Man, we will definitely fix it today," the cheery-voiced woman assured me. Well, I'll give you three guesses what didn't happen on Wednesday.

**"Now, if you're like the Two Bits Man, you probably keep all of your flammables and explosives below the kitchen sink."**

On Thursday morning, I called again, and the woman I spoke with told me that they had come that morning before I called. I thanked her and went to my next class.

I got home on Thursday night, greeted by a friendly note from the handyman. "Garbage disposal works," it said. Clearly he had either used godlike powers or basic plumbing skills to unclog my disposal, so I turned on the water and flipped the switch.

Indeed the motor spun, and as the sink slowly filled up with a swirling vortex of dirty water, it became apparent to me that I had misspoken when I put in the service call. Obviously I didn't make it clear to them that my concern was not with the disposal, but with the pipe attached to it.

Friday morning, next iteration. I politely explained that the plumber had apparently done nothing towards fixing my problem, and that I would really appreciate if they would fix it. They assured me that it would

be repaired on Friday, but—you may be picking up on a pattern here—they didn't.

Saturday, I had a chance to visit the office personally. I explained to the woman there, the same woman who had taken the service order in the first place, that I was getting a bit unnerved because I had vegetables decomposing in my drain, and that surely wasn't healthy. I explained that I would bring it to the Department of Health's attention.

The woman said to me, "Oh, you're the guy with the potato in your disposal. I finally put two and two together. The maintenance guy said he found a whole potato in there and he told the manager."

At this point I'm a little bit flabbergasted. Why did he disassemble my disposal and say, "Hmm. Looks like a potato," and put it back together without removing the potato?

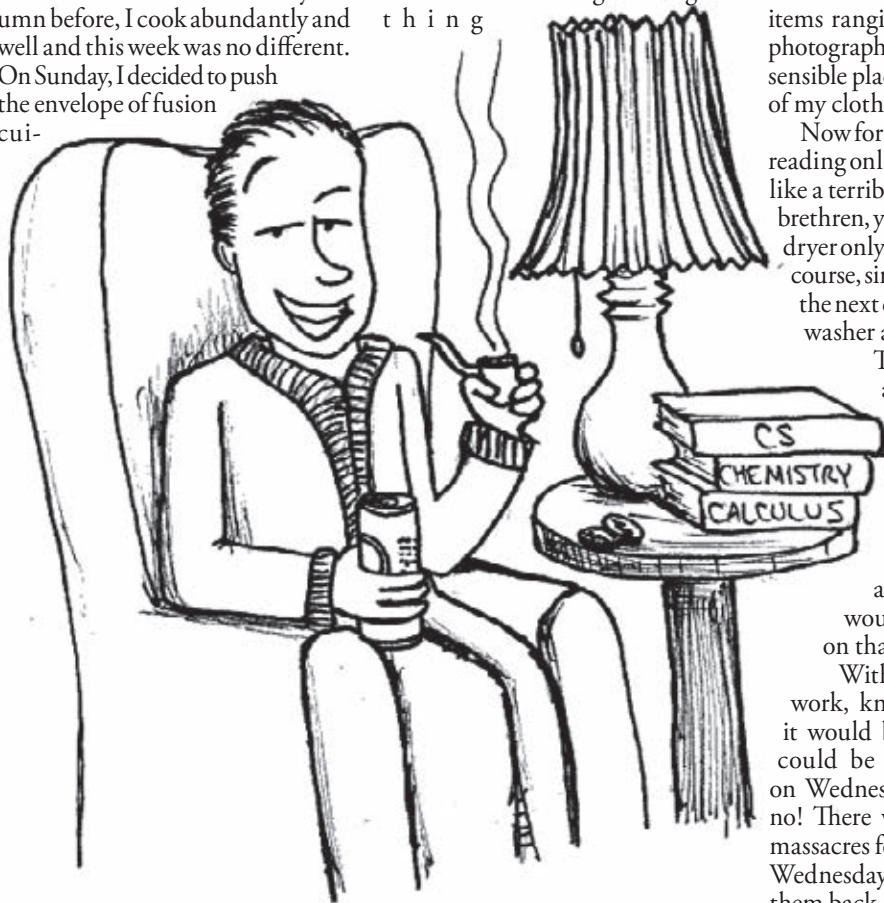
Furthermore, it wasn't a potato. It was part of a *sweet* potato, and that's what was really important. How dare they confuse a potato with a *sweet* potato?

By this point, I was what you might call pissed. I was out of laundry because using the washer and dryer would have required moving about 100 objects. I was out of clean dishes, because I had nowhere to wash the goo, and to top it all off, I was being accused of lying.

I told the woman that I put a small piece of a sweet potato down the disposal, and she told me that it was a whole potato.

She then proceeded to lecture me about how having a garbage disposal is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly.

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### SLIVER

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Annoying kid in CEE2300: shut up and stop asking so many f'ing questions to the prof.

Is Usher gay?

F-ing ESL TAs pissing me off ... again.

Tell Mr. Church to get over here and start doing some work before I strike him.

To the GT lady out there who is wondering about that guy: The answer to your question is yes. What are you going to do?

Just because we've only talked twice and I ran a background check on you doesn't mean I'm a stalker.

Heck, I even Googled for your pic.

Only babies whine about chores you bumhugs

To Team GreenHit United: we'd need go get together down at the joint to wrap up our project.

LCC 3401 is the thorn in my flesh; Jesus come quickly!

Girl, you know it's true

My sentence expires in May and I am out of GT and starting my life again.

Bow to my Powerbook before I kick you in the nuts

Dishes are different from chores; the former you HAVE to do, the latter you need to do.

Jay, shut up and pull your weight; it's not that hard if you are not lazy.

Ask John D. about Grass Party. And Chris G.

I know what you did. May your conscience eat at you for cheating on your girlfriend. Shame!

"There are things about Halo even the hierarchs do not understand..."

Marry me, T

...TR

We need to start a petition for Tony McHenry to bring back the socks. Things just aren't the same without them.

a lot of very bright people smoke pot

STOP HATE

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# Bridget Jones finds self on edge

By Swathy Prithivi  
Contributing Writer

Fans of Bridget Jones will be thrilled to see her back in a befitting sequel *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason* complete with boy trouble, squabbles and of course, her diary.

The movie picks up six weeks after the first film left her safely ensconced in the arms of her new, near-perfect boyfriend Mark Darcy.

Trouble is already brewing as she finds herself insecure in their relationship, with arguments ranging from whether their unborn child should attend Eton or not to the way underpants should be folded.

In addition to the relationship

crisis, she has to deal with Darcy's new attractive colleague Rebecca, who is not only smart and always does the right thing but is also beautiful with "legs like a young giraffe."

Complicating things even further, Jones's wickedly debauched former boyfriend and ex-boss, Daniel Cleaver still wants her back.

Bridget has to navigate the choppy waters of a modern relationship with its confusion, jealousy and impending disaster to ultimately discover that she has found true love.

The movie has exotic locations ranging from London's streets to the Swiss Alps and all the way to Thailand and back again.

Rounding off the main cast from

the original movie are Bridget's mum, dad and ever faithful trio of friends Jude, Shazzer and Tom along with television news boss Richard Finch.

The movie has its light and entertaining moments but does take unnecessary detours in the plot such as Bridget's jail escapade in Thailand.

**"The movie picks up six weeks after the first film left [Bridget] safely ensconced in the arms of her new, near-perfect boyfriend..."**

It is hard for a sequel to live up to a hugely successful original movie and the strains of trying too hard are all too visible in this film. Of course, it could be the mark of having a different director at the helm.

The film neither seems to go beyond the light, fluffy moments nor does it strike a chord with the audience as the first movie did. Sometimes even the comic moments seem contrived.

Overall the film is light and frothy and with all the gorgeous locales onscreen, it is as refreshing as a summer cocktail.

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unlikely that Acoustic Syndicate will attract fans of any musical genre.

The title track "Long Way Round" is a strong indication of what will follow. Lyrics that have no deeper meaning accompany an annoying tune, "I got up this morning/Took the long way round/Not too much upon my mind, trying to slow it down."

Most of the songs on the album are like the first one. They reflect an interesting blend of several types of music: jazz, country and rock, to name a few. However, there is something haphazard and careless about them.

Only the eighth track stands out as being somewhat meaningful. The song is a tribute to country legend John Hartford.

Still, jarring tones plague this and almost every other song. The poor quality leads one to question whether the band even thought about the music they were producing before recording it. It seems, rather, that Acoustic Syndicate strung things together without considering whether or not one type of melody would go well with another.

In short, the band's music sounds like a poor imitation of Dave Matthews. DMB also uses a variety of styles and instruments—but they do so tastefully.

Diehard Acoustic Syndicate fans may find *Long Way Round* to be a bold and worthy experiment, but I strongly caution the ordinary listener.

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"Thank you so much for this informative discussion. I will assuredly take it under advisement the next time I use my disposal. However, though it has been genuinely didactic, it doesn't help my immediate concern that water won't go down my sink because I have a piece of a *sweet* potato stuck in my drain! Does this mean that you're not going to have it fixed because it's a *sweet* potato?"

She told me that I hadn't been forgotten and that they would fix it on Saturday, but no luck.

Sunday, there's no maintenance done unless it's an emergency, and The Sweet Potato that Wrought Havoc is not what they consider an emergency.

My story finally ended on Monday, six days after I initially called, having a conversation with the apartment manager and insisting that she have it fixed. This week has most assuredly been instructional for me.

For example, I learned that you should never put a piece of a sweet potato down your garbage disposal, no matter how seemingly tiny it is. I learned that if an apartment employee tries to lecture like a four year old, then I should go straight to the boss and above all I learned that if you don't want to face The Sweet Potato that Wrought Havoc, buy a house.

Until I start cooking with yucca root, here's wishing you a tasty week.



Photo courtesy Miramax Films

Renée Zellweger reprises her role as Bridget Jones in *The Edge of Reason*, sequel to *Bridget Jones's Diary*.



THEME CROSSWORD: MARKET DAY

By Robert Zimmerman  
*United Features*

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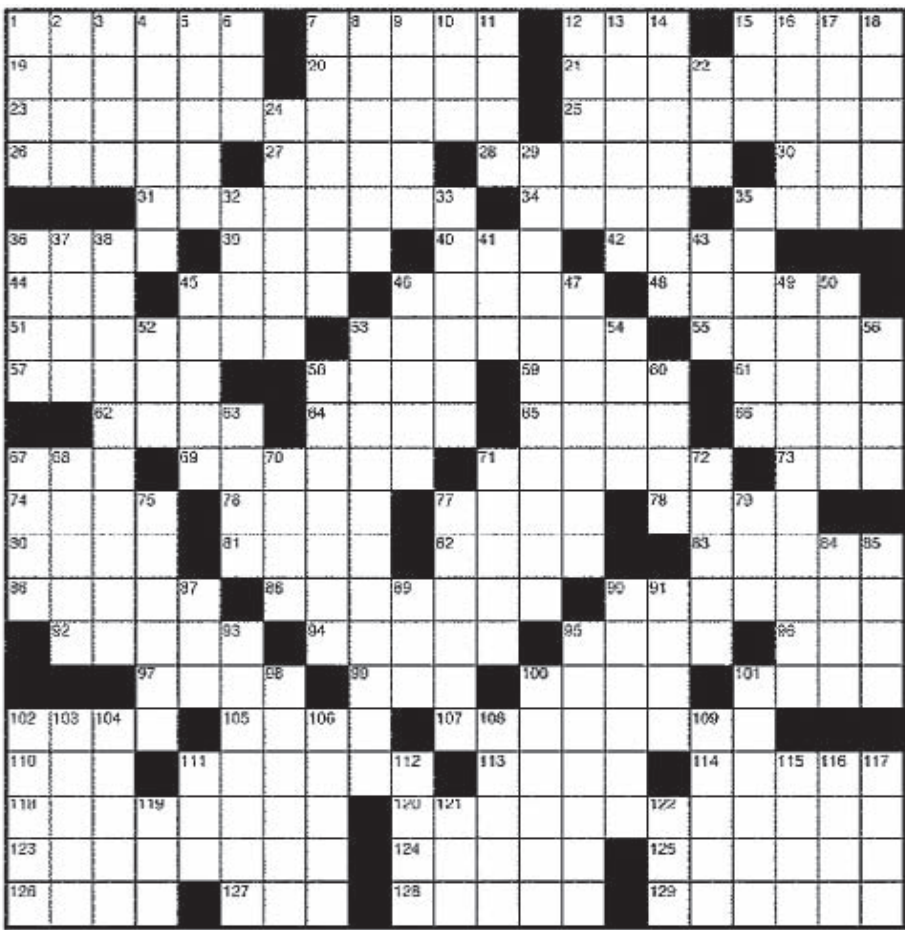
1. Early calculator  
7. Ruler's ruling  
12. Holy men: abbr.  
15. "Hey, look here!"  
19. Poe's lost love  
20. Russian nickname  
21. Trouble, figuratively  
23. Pop culture innovation of the '60s  
25. Part of a phone number  
26. Performers org.  
27. "Damn Yankees" role  
28. Donny or Marie  
30. A Bobbsey twin  
31. "Vampire Chronicles" writer  
34. Russian  
35. Island in Chesapeake Bay  
36. Deuce or trey  
39. CD content, perhaps  
40. Hockey's \_\_\_ Grimson  
42. Copperfield's bride  
44. Honest \_\_\_  
45. Painter \_\_\_ Holbein  
46. Ancient porticos  
48. Fiennes of "The English Patient"  
51. Real bores  
53. Hutch's partner  
55. Traffic problem  
57. Steps  
58. Emergency team  
59. Hurries  
61. Traveler's expense  
62. Builder's strategy  
64. Henri's head  
65. MacGregors, perhaps  
66. Concordes  
67. Oklahoma city  
69. Social get-together  
71. Star of "The Jazz Singer"

73. Follower: suffix  
74. Oom-pah-pah instrument  
76. TSE, for one  
77. Grimace  
78. "How've you \_\_\_?"  
80. Mid-month  
81. Trade  
82. Terse  
83. \_\_\_ and ruin  
86. Canines  
88. In the midst of  
90. Village silhouette  
92. Rose holders  
94. Get under way  
95. Vacation plan  
96. Belonging to us  
97. Zimmer in Zurich  
99. Lawyer's org.  
100. Beethoven birthplace  
101. Arabian gulf  
102. Sunrise  
105. Fielder's handful  
107. Bugs  
110. Ancient English money  
111. San Diego's \_\_\_ Park  
113. Isinglass  
114. Rap sheet info  
118. Rainier's family  
120. Old Louisville neighborhood  
123. Military supplies  
124. Inch along  
125. 1950 Peace Nobel  
126. Part of NRA  
127. Punch  
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18. Ontario river  
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52. Pinch  
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54. Roll call responses  
56. Nuisance  
58. Pours out profusely  
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67. Scuffling  
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70. Big Ten member  
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79. Before, to be brief  
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85. "Bill" composer  
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89. Collar  
90. "In America" author  
91. \_\_\_ melt  
93. "Black Hawk Down" setting  
95. Shoe protectors  
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101. Leaning  
102. Doctrine  
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106. Investment  
108. Fix firmly  
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# Volleyball extends streak, recognizes seniors



By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jayme Gergen goes up for the block in a match over the weekend. Gergen is one of five seniors on the team; the seniors were honored before their final ACC home game against Wake Forest on Sunday.

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

On a weekend that saw the seniors play their final home ACC games, Tech volleyball moved one step closer to being the first team since 1997 to go through the regular season conference schedule undefeated.

The team improved to 21-5 after sweeps of Duke and Wake Forest, and the Jackets have now won 19 consecutive games. Despite the late season surge, the Jackets remain just on the outside looking in for the USA Today Top 25.

On Friday, Tech preserved its undefeated ACC season and locked up the outright ACC regular season title for the second straight year. The Jackets swept Duke (30-28, 30-26, 30-23) and were led by a solid offensive and defensive performance.

Lindsey Laband recorded 58 assists while Lynnette Moster managed 21 kills and 16 digs. Lauren Sauer and Jayme Gergen had 15 and 13 kills, respectively. Defensively, Marisa Aston and Abby Shower had 20 and 10 digs, respectively.

In the first game despite leading most of the way, the Blue Devils pulled the game to within one at 29-28 before Tech finished them off. In the second game, Duke led 25-24 and had led for the majority of the way before Tech came back to grab the game from the Blue Devils.

In the final game the teams exchanged points until the Jackets took control of the game after Duke tied the score up at 21 points apiece. For the three games there were 30 ties and 30 lead changes amongst the two squads.

“I was a bit disappointed,” said Head Coach Bond Shymansky. “Defensively, we played a sloppy game, but it shows the maturity of our team. I was happy that we pulled out such a hard fought match.”

Before the Wake Forest game, five seniors were honored and recognized for their achievements over the past few seasons. Gergen, Sauer, Moster, Aston, and Laura Kuhn compiled a 30-2 ACC record and now are two

**“[The seniors] really put us on the map and have helped to put us on the national stage. They have [also] helped us to land some very good players...”**

**Bond Shymansky**  
Head volleyball coach

wins away from a perfect end to their ACC careers. Gergen ended her home career by garnering ACC Player of the Week honors for the second time this season.

“My favorite moment [with the seniors] was this year at UNC,” Laband said. “We played really hard, and won a very tough match. It was very emotional watching them [before the game].”

“I’m really going to miss this group of seniors,” Shymansky said. “They really put us on the map

and have helped to put us on the national stage.

“Their play has helped us to land some very good players, and set the program up for success in the years to come. The win today was a great way for them to end their careers here in front of our fans, but we are also looking forward ending their careers on a high note here at Georgia Tech.”

In the final home ACC match, Tech defeated Wake Forest in three games (30-15, 30-22, 30-19). Gergen’s 12 kills and seven blocks helped to pave the way for an easy victory by the Jackets. Out of a total of 55 digs, Aston, Showers and Laband had 13, 11 and 10, respectively.

Five Tech players managed to record service aces, including the first ace of Jacqui Beebe’s career. Moster, Gergen, Aston and Jennifer Randall also recorded aces in the match.

In the third game of the match, Wake Forest led 14-13 and kept the game close, trailing 17-16 before Tech finally put them away after a timeout.

“I think that the [sloppy] play in the third game was due to the emotion of the seniors,” Shymansky said. “At the end, they wanted it to be over, but we just didn’t make the plays to finish the job.”

The final home game for the seniors will be against Winthrop on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The Jackets will be in action this weekend at Maryland and Virginia.

Starting Tuesday, the team will travel to Charlottesville, Va. and stay until the squad is eliminated or wins the ACC Tournament Championship.

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If FIGs was a fruit he would be a cumquat  
Melvin licks figs goodies  
I saw a drug raid on west campus in '99  
they had big guns and kevlar  
The dealers got kicked out of school and one got a decade  
I am polite at UGA where there are hot girls!!  
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keep racism to a minimum, please  
your momma slept with me for durgs  
if I was a fruit I would star fruit or maybe a passion fruit  
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figs = hershy highway  
I like freshman chicks with no underwear  
thong or commando?  
commando!!!!!!!  
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the rest are to aloof  
can i be excused? My brain is full....  
Ray Charles = Jamie Foxx + Oscar  
...can't we all just get along?  
To the fellows - Bluntness is the way to a girl's pants  
MIA: Phish. Small Brown East Campus Kitten. Have You Seen Phish?!!!!  
Guy who called girls hungry children in a room with chocolate, your second date here was your last.



## Grant from page 32

The interception returned for a touchdown was one of three that Tech quarterback Reggie Ball threw, as part of a mediocre overall performance for the quarterback. Ball threw only nine completions out of 28 attempts.

He did, however, make the plays when they were needed, including an early touchdown pass to Jimmy Dixon in addition to the go-ahead scoring throw to Thomas, but with only 91 yards passing on the day, and a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown, the numbers were not pretty for the Tech passer.

Freshman phenom Calvin Johnson continued to impress with a spectacular 27-yard, one-handed reception. He had three total receptions for 47 yards.

The numbers were not expected to be pretty for the rushing attack either, considering Tech had not won without Daniels in the backfield.

An early injury to second-string back Chris Woods left the ground game in a precarious position, indeed.

Grant, the third string tailback out of Tampa, Fla. quickly showed everyone why there was little cause for alarm. With significant contributions from Woods and Ball, the team rolled up 178 net rushing yards.

With no turnovers other than through the air and fewer penalties than in previous games, the ninth victory in 10 years over N.C. State was crucial for the Jackets as they go on to face UConn this weekend.

Losing to N.C. State would have meant that the team would have needed victories over Connecticut and either Virginia or UGA, a daunting task for the team, to become bowl-eligible.

Now, a victory this weekend at Grant Field over Connecticut would ensure that the team will be bowl-eligible for the eighth consecutive year. The Jackets take on the Huskies this Saturday at 1 p.m.

# Crew continues successful campaign

By Jennifer Allen  
Contributing Writer

Every member of the Tech crew team knows and says the same thing; "You give it your all every time you get into the boat."

This is true for all sports, but especially in crew. Nine people get into the boat and nine people have to cross the finish line no matter what; crew is truly a team sport.

"The best part of being on crew is being able to be close with so many people," said first-year Meagan Norris. The "Crew family" has been expanding since it was founded in 1985 by Michael May and Mark Turner.

The crew season runs year round. The fall season races are head races. Head races are races where the boats go to the starting line and are launched at evenly spaced time intervals. The race course is 6,000 meters in length. Each boat is timed from the starting line until it crosses the finish line. The boat with the fastest time wins gold.

So far this fall season, Tech crew has been doing well; the team brought home the Team Points Trophy at the Head of Chattanooga and the Head of the Tennessee. The varsity competed in the Head of the Charles, the biggest regatta held in Boston, where the men's Champ 8 took 7th place and earned a berth to next year's regatta.

This past weekend Tech hosted its own regatta, the Head of the Chattahoochee.

The camaraderie and sportsmanship always comes out at regattas, and it was no surprise to see all the Tech rowers cheering on their teammates as they came down the course. "You know what they are going through because everyone is pulling for the same goal," second-year Kristie Ludvigsen said.

"When we are all catching to-



By Jennifer Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Tech crew team has been quite successful this fall. The group won the team points competition at the Head of Chattanooga and the Head of the Tennessee with many individual boats placing highly.

gether, it is the best feeling," fourth-year Alexis Fairweather said.

Catching together means that all the people in the boat are moving in sync with each other—they are moving as one. In crew this is the most important part. If the team does not move together, the boat goes nowhere.

Another major aspect of rowing is the coxswain, the person who sits in the front of the boat. He or she not only steers the boat, but also he or she keeps the rowers motivated. The coxswain can see all that is going on in the boat. With this viewpoint he or she has the ability to correct errors and to set a good rhythm. If rowers are not catching together it is the coxswain's job to try and get them back in sync.

"When I see all of the blades go into the water and catch at once, it's great. I call them my machine," said coxswain Janelle Springer.

The sport, while serious, does

have its fun side. The tent is the place where most rowers congregate after their race is over. The tent is a place to socialize, relax, stretch out and eat. It's first come, first serve

with the needed energy, another interesting aspect of rowing is the difference between lightweight and heavyweight.

Being a lightweight or a heavyweight determines which boat you will be allowed to row in during races. To be considered a lightweight you must weigh-in at or below a designated weight.

The last race of the 2004 fall season will be this weekend in Tennessee. As the Tech crew fall season comes to an end, the rowers will begin to gear up and get ready for the spring season that starts in March. The spring season concentrates on sprint races. In a sprint race, boats row a shorter distance and the first one across the finish line wins.

If you are interested in joining the Tech crew team, then there will be meetings held in the third week of January, or you can go to the club's website, [gtcrew.com](http://gtcrew.com) for more information.

**"When I see all of the blades go into the water and catch at once, it's great. I call them my machine. "**

**Janelle Springer**  
Coxswain

here. "Food and rowing are wonderfully inseparable," third-year Hunter Dreidame said.

While food is an essential for rowing, as it supplies the rowers

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If you see Phish, be nice to him. He likes tuna, milk, and sitting on printers.

I believe the question of stray cats around campus needs to be addressed. I mean, don't get me wrong, I love cats--but I could never eat a whole one.

Use the force, Mark!

...when does the hurting stop?

being in love sucks

The Two Bits man made me tear! Go boy show those sadomasochistic physics people what they deserve!

OH MAN i'm really sorry katherine

Bah! Bloody dromedaries!

What is the point of watching ghetto, overpaid athletes on TV who have way too big of an attitude and no respect for anything... oh wait, the NBA is on!

ESPN never looked so good- and the Tech special with our boys was hot!!! I LOVE YOU PAUL HEWITT!!

2004-2005 GT BASKETBALL: Yeah, baby! We never had it so good!

Wow, I got a lot of goodies at Insurrection, I mean 9 1/2 weeks for you old people... should start making this a weekly trip!

HEY POO: I LOVE YOU, BOO.

Bros before Hoes -Father Cornelius

Rhode Island boys do it better.

Can "Mr. Clutch" Will Bynum even drive a stick? I think the 'Nique needs to get an exclusive on that.

Let it rain, Room 413!!!

So I watched the CMA awards and it was the first time in a while that I saw an awards show without ass and tits hanging out everywhere. It was kind of nice. Pretty good music too.

Nomar doesn't see well. Very disconcerting for a sight hound.

Why don't you ever eat the pretzels??

i think my boyfriend doesn't like me. actually i know it.

DotA 5.xx Pros Pick No DL.!

Figs = F+iggie Smalzs





# GEORGIA TECH (5-3) VS. CONNECTICUT (5-3)

By Kyle Thomason



## Four Key Questions

Tech, fresh off of a 24-14 win over N.C. State, needs one victory to become eligible for a bowl. This week they host Connecticut, the last currently unranked opponent on Tech's schedule.

Last week's win was marked by tough defense and a strong running attack. Against the Wolfpack, Tech's defense scored as many touchdowns as they allowed—one.

The offense was led by redshirt freshman running back Rashaun Grant, who turned in his first career 100-yard performance against the Wolfpack.

Tech and UConn have met once previously, two years ago in Storrs, Conn. The Jackets prevailed 31-14 in the contest.

**"[The Huskies] have improved tremendously. Most of them were sophomores two years ago and now they are seniors and that makes a huge difference. So they really are a different football team."**

**Chan Gailey**

Tech head coach



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

### • Will Connecticut star Dan Orlovsky have another big game for the Huskies?

Orlovsky, the starting quarterback for the Huskies, earned Big East player of the week honors for his last performance against Syracuse. He completed 39 passes for 445 yards. The 445 yards are the most thrown for by any quarterback against a BCS Conference opponent in the nation this year. Orlovsky was also efficient; he completed 76.5 percent of his throws, which resulted in three touchdowns.

Orlovsky holds the Connecticut record for passing yardage (9,715) and completions (821). He currently ranks fourth in the nation in passing and ninth in total offense. Orlovsky does a nice job of involving a multitude of receivers; seven Huskies have recorded at least 10 catches this season.

### • How will Reggie Ball bounce back from a subpar performance against N.C. State?

Last week, Ball completed only nine of 27 passes for 91 yards against the Wolfpack. He was able to put points on the board, throwing for a pair of touchdowns, but was also intercepted three times in the victory. One of the interceptions was returned for a touchdown, and Ball saved another interception return from turning into a score by drawing a holding penalty as he chased down the Wolfpack defender.

Ball must complete a higher percentage of his passes to complement the strong running game the Jackets have demonstrated. Otherwise, it will be difficult for Tech to keep the defense well-rested and on the sidelines.

### • Will Tech be able to keep its focus with a pair of games against ranked opponents ahead for the Jackets?

With games against Virginia and Georgia in the two weeks following this contest, it will be difficult for the Jackets not to look ahead. UConn, now a member of the Big East, is greatly improved from two years ago when the Jackets last played the Huskies.

Tech players know that they must win another game to become eligible. The Jackets have played in bowl games each of the past seven years, and the best chance for the team to go become eligible to extend the streak to eight will come on Saturday against UConn. This should be plenty of motivation for the team.

### • Will Connecticut's defense be able to slow down the Jackets' rushing attack?

On the season, UConn has given up an average of 160 yards per game on the ground. The Huskies started out the season strong against the run, but have allowed 324, 199 and 281 rushing yards respectively against West Virginia, Temple and Syracuse the past three weeks.

The porous run defense has translated into the Huskies allowing an average of nearly 35 points per game over the same time period. If Tech can establish the run, as they have done in many of their top performances this year, a Yellow Jacket victory could be in the cards.

In their first season of full membership in the Big East, Connecticut is still finding a great deal of success. The Huskies went 9-3 last year, and they are 5-3 this season. They need one more victory to become bowl-eligible.

UConn throws the ball often; senior quarterback Dan Orlovsky has broken several school records, and the Huskies are near the top of the NCAA in passing yardage.

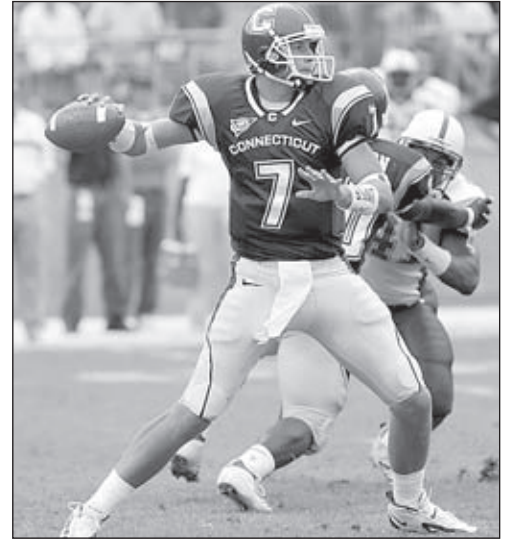
This team is more experienced and has played a much more challenging schedule to prepare for the game than the UConn team Tech defeated two years ago.

This is UConn's second game against an ACC opponent this season; they defeated Duke 22-20 on Sept. 11.

**"None of us really care about individual records. The only record I really want is to have my name next to the best team UConn has ever had. We'll continue to work toward that goal..."**

**Dan Orlovsky**

UConn senior quarterback



Courtesy of UConn Athletic Communications

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# Athletes seek conversation, relaxation



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Darius Williams and Ajenavi Ezemiefe sign autographs for fans. This is just one of the unique situations student athletes may encounter.

By Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

If you see P.J. Daniels, a third-year Management major, while you're walking down Skiles, he may approach you with a warm smile and a friendly handshake.

He'll then strike up a conversation, if for no other reason than to make a friend and break through your stares of star-struck admiration. After all, it's not every day that one gets to meet a star running back.

Most students aren't used to being greeted with this sort of silent awe, but for many of Tech's most prominent student athletes, it's a fact of everyday life. With their faces plastered all over television, newspapers and game programs, these athletes have become famous celebrities instantly recognizable to the majority of the Tech student

body.

"It's kind of weird when you're walking and people are looking at you funny, but they never really say anything to you," said Jarrett Jack, a third-year management major and a guard on the basketball team. "I think I'm a very approachable person, and I'd rather you say something to me rather than just look at me."

Jack's response is typical of many student athletes, who consider themselves ordinary members of the Tech student body.

"I look at it as, 'I'm just P.J., man,'" Daniels said. "I tend to forget sometimes...[When they stare], I say to myself, 'Man, am I that cute? Am I that handsome?'" he laughed.

Members of Tech's top athletics programs generally commit themselves to 15 or more hours of training a week. This means they usually have few opportunities during the season

to spend time with friends.

"[You] still have to study, have to keep your grades up," said B.J. Elder, a fourth-year Management major and a guard on the basketball team. "[You] try to squeeze it in where you can."

"Our days are very strenuous, and the workload here is definitely no secret," Jack added. "Managing our time is definitely a tough task."

With such schedules, athletes often have to wait until the off-season to enjoy the other aspects of college life.

"The spring-time is when we usually have a lot of our free time, and that's where we try and do as much as we can on campus," said Lynnette Moster, a fourth-year Management major and outside hitter for the volleyball team.

The time spent in practice comes on top of the time spent in class, where student athletes insist that their celebrity status affords them no special advantages.

"I mean, they do understand that when we go out of town, then we've missed certain things. They allow us to make it up, which I think is only fair," Elder said; he added that otherwise, "[We're] treated the same as all the other students."

However, Jack said that some professors remain wary around student athletes.

"They know you're a student athlete, and...they think you're going to use it to try to get over on them," he said. "That may not be the case. It's just, we have to go through a lot more things than the normal student."

"[The professors] don't do a lot of stuff for us, you know," Moster said. "Like, everyone says that, 'Oh, athletes get all of this.' It's not true. [The professors] understand that it's against regulations to do that."

Student athletes do receive the same impartial treatment from some classmates, although that doesn't stop some of them from expressing their admiration.

"Some of them are excited to be group members with us, 'cause they want to hear about our schedules and all the stuff that we have to do," Moster said.

While their sport is in season, student athletes find themselves socializing mainly within their team. Accord-

ing to Jack, this does not put them at a disadvantage. In fact, working together in close quarters for long stretches of time helps develop a personal bonding experience.

"I think we're a very, very close-knit team," Jack said. "[I] know that I can have a relationship with each one of them and not feel alienated at all." That sense of bonding means the friendship carries on outside of the team.

"[The girls on my team are] my best friends," Moster said. "We try and go do stuff outside of volleyball as much as we can...I mean, you don't want to lose friends like that."

However, other athletes like Daniels prefer to spend time outside of practice away from the team.

"When we're in here, we spend a lot of time together," he said, "but when I'm away, I try to make time for myself, man, and that's about it."

**"It's kind of funny when you're walking and people are looking at you funny, but they never really say anything to you."**

**Jarrett Jack**  
Junior point guard

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In Saturday's play the Tribe lost to Illinois 15-10. "We came out pretty strong and led after halftime, but we let up a run, and they ended up winning. That was kind of disappointing because we definitely felt like we let that game get away."

After the loss to Illinois, Tech won their next three games. Those wins put the Tribe in second place going into the second and final day of play.

On Sunday the Tribe's first game was against the University of Colorado, the defending national champions. Tech lost 11-8. "I think Sunday we came out flat," Gajarawala said. "We got down early [against Colorado] 4-0 and couldn't get back all the way and ended up losing. That was kind of disappointing because we had higher expectations for Sunday after our great day Saturday."

Next, Tech played against two more teams that qualified for the national tournament last year. The Tribe beat Iowa and lost to Michigan St. giving them four wins and three losses at the two day tournament. The Tribe's overall record is now 9-6 this year.

The heart of the Ultimate season lasts from February to April on the road to nationals. To get to nationals, a team must advance first through sectional and then regional play. Only 12 teams in the nation play in the national tournament.

"I think always our goal is to make nationals. We haven't been there in a long time. We definitely feel we are capable of it," Gajarawala said.

Tech plays in the South section of the Atlantic Coast region. For sectionals, Tech competes against college teams from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Regional competition features schools from a total of six states.

More information is available about the team at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ultimate](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ultimate).

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# Basketball defeats Kennesaw State in exhibition

By Vishal Patel

Contributing Writer

Even though Tech moved up a notch to No. 3 in the preseason Associated Press rankings this past week, the team did not play up to its potential as evidenced by Coach Paul Hewitt's reaction to last weekend's 80-60 victory over Kennesaw State.

"I thought we weren't aggressive," Hewitt said according to [ramblinwreck.com](http://ramblinwreck.com). "I thought Kennesaw State did an excellent job of putting us back on our heels."

Granted, KSU was last year's Division II champion, which is a level of skill that is different from past exhibition games in which Tech has often faced off against easier clubs and traveling teams.

A trio of returning starters, point guard Jarrett Jack, guard B.J. Elder, and center Luke Schenscher starred in their season premiere. Jack distributed the ball effectively with nine assists in the contest.

Jack also added 14 points and four steals while only committing a single turnover in the game. Sixteen points from Elder, and a solid six of seven shooting performance from Schenscher were enough to seal the outcome.

Despite the sharp performances from the veterans, Kennesaw State managed to expose several areas in which improvement is necessary for the Jackets.

The challenge of a tougher exhibition opponent brought out some of

the struggles of the second stringers as well as the new freshmen, who had their first look at competitive action in the NCAA. Even though the starters combined for 52 points in 101 combined minutes, the rest of the squad could only contribute 28 points in 99 combined minutes, with the majority coming in the second half when Kennesaw started chopping at the Tech lead, which was as large as 31 points at one time in the second half.

The Jackets led 51-28 at half-

**"Our freshmen are going to have to understand that they're playing against bigger, stronger guys who are well-coached."**

**Paul Hewitt**  
Head basketball coach

time, but the team's second half performance was not nearly as impressive. KSU outscored Tech by three points as a less experienced Jacket squad spent most of the half on the court.

"Our freshmen are going to have to understand that they're playing against bigger, stronger guys who are well-coached," Hewitt said.

The team as a whole, though, had a tough time at the free throw line. Against KSU, they shot less than 50 percent from the charity stripe, a place where they shot just short of 70 percent during last year's campaign.

"[Head coach] Tony [Ingle] did an excellent job of getting them in our face in the last 10 minutes and making us look like we were timid," Hewitt said.

The struggles did not end with shooting. Among the other things that need to be addressed before the season starts is rebounding, a problem which the Jackets had last year, as opponents had relative freedom on the glass, grabbing roughly 37 rebounds a game. Against KSU, Luke Schenscher was held without a single board and freshman Jeremis Smith quietly led Tech with eight.

"Jeremis is not one of those guys who you have to worry about being timid," Hewitt said. "The mistakes he makes are out of aggression, and that's never bad. We've got to get everyone else in the same mindset." The freshman also added four points and two assists in 20 minutes of play.

Perhaps the centerpiece of future practices after Saturday could concern free throw shooting, which was a less than spectacular 9-for-21 in comparison to KSU's 15-for-20 performance.

"That was horrible," Hewitt said about shooting from the line as reported by the *Macon Telegraph* on Nov. 7. "We shoot 50 free throws a day. It's a matter of concentration.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Forward Anthony McHenry goes up for a score in Tech's 80-60 victory over Kennesaw State in an exhibition game last Saturday.**

These guys have to know that when they play college basketball, they have to be ready, thinking the game and seeing the game."

The Jackets have one more exhibition game this Sunday Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. against LeMoyne. The regular season starts Nov. 19 against Alabama State at home.

"I wanted to see what we would

do defensively," Hewitt said in a post-game recap, "because I knew they were going to throw some different things at us. We put in more sets, more concepts, if you will, for this game than we did by this time last year. It was good. It forced us as coaches to put a lot of stuff in. And it forced our players to really think the game."



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## BRIDGET'S BACK

Bridget Jones is back on the big screen. The sequel does not live up to the expectations created by its predecessor. Page 22

## GUARD DUTY

When the colorguard takes the field, there are always two members with different uniforms; they're the guys in the guard. Page 12



## Grant, Jackets sprint past Wolfpack

By Andy Holt  
Contributing Writer

On Saturday the Jackets and runningback Rashaun Grant proved that just because no one named P.J. is in the lineup does not mean Tech can't run the ball. Racking up 122 yards on the ground, Grant helped push the Jackets to a clutch 24-14 victory against N.C. State in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Jackets were able to bounce back from a tough loss the previous week against Virginia Tech and come through with an important victory. This time it was Tech's opponent who saw a late lead disappear.

The game wasn't over until the final minutes. A Travis Bell field goal began the fourth quarter scoring for Tech, pulling the Jackets to within a touchdown at 14-10. Bell, a redshirt freshman, has converted nine of 10 attempted field goals on the season.

A one-yard slant pass to Levon Thomas from quarterback Reggie Ball with 7:15 remaining pushed the Jackets into the lead for the first time in the contest.

It wasn't until the final seconds were draining away that the game was sealed as Kenny Scott ran the third interception thrown by the Wolfpack quarterback Jay Davis back 49 yards for the final touchdown of the game. With a 10-point advantage,



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Redshirt freshman Rashaun Grant fights for an extra yard against N.C. State on Saturday. Grant, the Jackets' third-string running back, rushed for 122 yards in the Jackets' 24-14 victory over the Wolfpack.

the Jackets had officially taken the game away from N.C. State.

The defense had another very solid performance on Saturday. The unit kept the game close to set up the Jackets' fourth quarter rally. Scott's interception was joined by a pair from cornerback Reuben Houston.

Talented running back T.A.

McLendon was held to just 50 yards and the team to only 72 yards on the ground. This marks the fourth time the Tech defense has held an opponent under the century mark.

The Jackets also forced a fumble and recorded five sacks in the dominating defensive performance. Safety James Butler, who is among

the nation's best at the position, led the team with eight tackles. Of course, three missed N.C. State field goals and an interception return for a touchdown that was called back certainly did not hurt in keeping the Wolfpack's scoring total down.

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The number of field goals redshirt freshman kicker Travis Bell has missed this year. Bell has hit on all nine attempts since failing to convert on his first kick of the season. Bell has also connected on all 19 extra point attempts this year. For his work, Bell has been named a semifinalist for the Lou Groza award, which is given to college football's top kicker.

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The number of combined Big East regular season championships Connecticut has won in all sports since 1990. The Huskies have also won 10 national championships, one of which resulted from Connecticut's victory over Tech to win the NCAA Tournament in basketball. This is UConn's first year as a full member of the Big East for football.

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Knockdown blocks recorded by senior offensive lineman Andy Tidwell-Neal in Saturday's game against N.C. State. Tidwell-Neal was named Wendy's Athlete of the Week along with tennis standout Kacie Anson for his performance against the Wolfpack.

## Ultimate impresses in Athens

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Tech's ultimate team competed in the Classic City Classic last weekend. The Tribe finished with a respectable 4-3 record and handed eventual champion Kansas its only loss of the tournament.

The Tribe, Tech's Ultimate team, traveled to Athens this past weekend and matched up against some of the best teams in the nation in the Classic City Classic (CCC) tournament. On Nov. 6 the Tribe beat the club team from the University of Kansas 15-13. It was the only loss Kansas sustained en route to winning the tournament.

After being down 10-8 at half-time, the Tribe came back in the

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Ultimate Club president

second half to beat the eventual champions. "We were really happy with the way we played," said Ultimate Club President Parag Gajarawala. "That was a big win for us."

The Kansas team was one of nine teams at the CCC that qualified for the national tournament last year. Tech faced five of those national qualifiers and beat three of them at the tournament this past weekend.

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## Golfers place third after strong finish

The Jackets finished third overall in the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Ga. this past weekend. The team posted an even-par 288 on Sunday, which tied for the best round of the tournament. Individually, sophomore Kevin Larsen tied for sixth overall, finishing four strokes over par for the weekend.

## Women excel at Tech Invitational

The women's tennis team posted an impressive performance in the Georgia Tech Invitational over the weekend. Tech won nine of 12 doubles matches and captured 18 of 24 singles matches, competing against players from Florida State, Maryland and Marshall. Juniors Kelly Anderson and Kacie Anson led the Jackets, finishing undefeated in singles and doubles play.

## Swimmers split with N.C. State

The men's swimming and diving squad defeated N.C. State, and the women fell by a single point to the Wolfpack last Friday. Senior Jaclyn Keys won the 50-freestyle for the women.

Junior swimmer Sam Morgan finished first in the 500-freestyle and the 1000-freestyle, and sophomore diver Tony Burkhardt captured victories in the one-meter and three-meter springboard events for the men.

## Gergen receives Player of Week

After stellar performances against Central Florida, Duke and Wake Forest, senior Jayme Gergen was named the ACC Volleyball Player of the Week. This is the second time Gergen has won the award this season.

The middle blocker currently leads the ACC in hitting percentage and has the most blocks on the Tech squad. This marks the fifth time a Tech player has been named Player of the Week this year.

## Grant, Houston earn ACC honors

Redshirt freshman runningback Rashaun Grant was named the ACC Rookie of the Week after rushing for 122 yards on 20 carries in Tech's 24-14 victory over N.C. State.

Junior cornerback Reuben Houston was selected as ACC Defensive Back of the Week for his performance against the Wolfpack. Houston intercepted two passes, both of which led to Jacket touchdowns.